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## STATED MEETINGS.

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- October.
- The North Classis of Long Island, on the third Tuesday in April and October.
- The South Classis of Long Island, on the second Tuesday in April and fourth Tuesday in September.
- The Classis of Michigan, on the second Friday in April and first Tuesday in October.
- The Classis of Monmouth, on the second Tuesday in April and October.
- The Classis of Montgomery, on the third Tuesday in April and last in September.
- The Classis of New Brunswick, on the third Tuesday in April and October.
- The Classis of New York, on the third Tuesday in April and October.
- The South Classis of New York, on the third Tuesday in April and October.
- The Classis of Orange, on the third Tuesday in April and October.
- The Classis of Paramus, on the third Tuesday in April and September.
- The Classis of Passaic, on the first Tuesday in April and October.
- The Classis of Philadelphia, on the third Tuesday in April and October.
- The Classis of Poughkeepsie, on the third Tuesday in April and October.
- The Classis of Raritan, on the second Tuesday in April and October.
- The Classis of Rensselaer, on the third Tuesday in April and September.
- The Classis of Saratoga, on the third Wednesday in April and September.
- The Classis of Schenectady, on the third Tuesday in April and September.
- The Classis of Schoharie, on the third Tuesday in April and September.
- The Classis of Ulster, on the third Tuesday in April and first Tuesday in October.
- The Classis of Westchester, on the third Tuesday in April and October.
- The Classis of Wisconsin, on the third Wednesday in April and September.
- The *Board of Superintendents* meet, for the annual examination of the theological students, on the third Tuesday in May.



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OF THE GENERAL SYNOD OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN AMERICA,  
CONVENED AT PHILADELPHIA, ON WEDNESDAY, THE SECOND DAY OF  
JUNE, IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUN-  
DRED AND SIXTY-NINE. THE SESSION CONTINUED FROM THE  
SECOND TO THE NINTH DAY OF JUNE, INCLUSIVE.

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## FORMATION OF SYNOD.

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### ARTICLE I.

#### OPENING OF SYNOD.

The Synod was opened with prayer by Rev. E. S. Porter, President of the last General Synod, who preached a sermon on the Evening of the first day of the Session, from Psalm 48: 12-14. "Walk about Zion, &c."

### ARTICLE II.

#### MEMBERS PRESENT.

#### From the Particular Synod of New York.

1. *From the Classis of Arcot.*—Rev. Joseph Scudder,<sup>3</sup> Rev. Ezekiel C. Scudder.<sup>4</sup>

2. *From the Classis of Bergen.*—Rev. J. H. Suydam, J. K. Allen, Elder.—John H. Berry.<sup>3</sup>

3. *From the South Classis of Bergen.*—Rev. P. D. Van Cleef, D.D., E. P. Terhune, Wm. W. Halloway, Jr. *Elders*—Orson Wilson, R. N. Perlee, <sup>1</sup>John Duncan.

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1. Took his seat on the third day of the Session.

2. Do. sixth Do.

3. Obtained leave of absence on the fourth day of the Session.

4. Do. eighth Do.

4. *From the Classis of Hudson*.—Rev. John McC. Holmes, John G. Johnson, <sup>1</sup>F. M. Kip, Jr. *Elders*—<sup>1</sup>E. Stickles, <sup>4</sup><sup>1</sup>Thomas Elmen-dorf.

5. *From the North Classis of Long Island*.—Rev. Ira C. Boice, John M. Wagner, John H. Smock. *Elders*—Charles McLearn, Peter Cox, <sup>6</sup>Daniel V. Weeks.<sup>5</sup>

6. *From the South Classis of Long Island*.—Rev. W. T. Enyard, <sup>9</sup>Z. Eddy, D.D., D. S. Sutphen. *Elders*—James Myers, Geo. Pool, Garret G. Bergen.

7. *From the Classis of Monmouth*.—Rev. James B. Wilson. *Elder*—Gilbert H. Van Mater.<sup>3</sup>

8. *From the Classis of New Brunswick*.—Rev. J. Howard Van Doren, John Manley. *Elders*—R. Voorhees, J. Letson, R. A. Staats.

9. *From the Classis of New York*.—Rev. Thomas DeWitt, D.D., John Forsyth, D.D., W. J. R. Taylor, D.D. *Elders*—Thomas Jeremiah, Henry Camerden, Jr.

10. *From the South Classis of New York*.—Rev. J. B. Steele, Isaac S. Hartley, J. M. Mathews, D.D. *Elder*—John R. Smith.

11. *From the Classis of Paramus*.—Rev. Isaac S. Demund, Benjamin A. Bartholf. *Elders*—John W. Ferdon, John <sup>1</sup>Sip, Cornelius I. Smith.

12. *From the Classis of Passaic*.—Rev. N. Conklin, James Demarest, John C. Cruikshank. *Elder*—James Van Ness.<sup>4</sup>

13. *From the Classis of Philadelphia*.—Rev. O. Gesner, W. B. Voorhees, <sup>1</sup>C. W. Fritts. *Elders*—S. Voorhees, S. Waldron, <sup>1</sup>N. Van Zandt.

14. *From the Classis of Poughkeepsie*.—Rev. G. Talmage, H. Heermance, <sup>3</sup>Cornelius Van Cleef, D.D. *Elders*—William H. Crosby, Wm. R. Schell, <sup>3</sup>Wm. Seward.

15. *From the Classis of Raritan*.—Rev. Abraham Messler, D.D., <sup>2</sup>J. A. II. Cornell, D.D., <sup>3</sup>C. H. Edgar, D.D.<sup>6</sup> *Elder*—W. G. Stewart.

16. *From the Classis of Westchester*.—Rev. John H. Pitcher, John B. Thompson, J. Henry Bertholf. *Elders*—John A. Van Tassel, Elias B. Littell, J. S. Van Court.

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1. Took his seat on the second day of the Session.

2. Do. third Do.

3. Do. sixth Do.

4. Obtained leave of absence on the fourth day of the Session.

5. Do. sixth Do.

6. Do. eighth Do.

### From the Particular Synod of Albany.

1. *From the Classis of Albany.*—Rev. J. Elmendorf, D.D.,<sup>5</sup> Jeremiah Searle, J. F. Neef.<sup>5</sup> Elders—T. F. Cornell, Peter Monteith.<sup>5</sup>
2. *From the Classis of Cayuga.*—Rev. J. H. Enders, A. G. Vermilye, D.D. Elder—G. C. Churchill.
3. *From the Classis of Geneva.*—Rev. I. H. Collier, S. J. Rogers,<sup>2</sup> A. M. Mann, D.D.<sup>4</sup> Elders—P. A. Brokaw,<sup>5</sup> E. F. Strong.<sup>4</sup>
4. *From the Classis of Greene.*—Rev. J. K. Rhinehart, S. P. M. Hastings, Jno. A. Lansing, D.D. Elders—I. J. Leming,<sup>5</sup> Philip Miller.
5. *From the Classis of Kingston.*—Rev. M. F. Liebenau, N. H. Van Arsdale, Charles H. Stitt, D.D. Elders—J. Auchmoody, Jacob R. Hardenberg, Peter Crispell.
6. *From the Classis of Montgomery.*—Rev. Joseph Knieskern, B. Van Zandt, D.D. Elders—F. Vedder, George Timmerman, James Yauny.
7. *From the Classis of Orange.*—Rev. W. E. Turner, S. W. Mills, C. Spaulding. Elder—P. B. Elting.
8. *From the Classis of Rensselaer.*—Rev. E. L. Heermance, Wilson Ingalls,<sup>3</sup> J. B. Drury.
9. *From the Classis of Saratoga.*—Rev. C. D. Kellogg, O. H. Gregory, D.D. Elder—A. Marshall.<sup>3</sup>
10. *From the Classis of Schenectady.*—Rev. William W. Letson, F. F. Wilson, Wm. P. Davis. Elders—Nanning Vischer, C. F. Hoag.
11. *From the Classis of Schoharie.*—Rev. John S. Lott, S. H. Cobb, Edwin Vedder. Elder—P. S. Danforth.<sup>2</sup>
12. *From the Classis of Ulster.*—Rev. A. M. Arcularius, J. N. Voorhis, D. B. Wyckoff.<sup>6</sup> Elders—Abram Sleight, J. U. Emerick.<sup>6</sup>

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### From the Particular Synod of Chicago.

1. *From the Classis of Michigan.*—Rev. C. Vander Veen, <sup>2</sup>A. H. Van Vranken. *Elder*—<sup>1</sup>C. W. McNair.

2. *From the Classis of Illinois.*—Rev. S. A. Bumstead, J. S. Joralmou, Egbert Winter. *Elder*—J. Overcamp.

3. *From the Classis of Holland.*—Rev. Philip Phelps, Jr., D.D., <sup>2</sup>Jacob Vandermeulen, <sup>2</sup>A. C. Van Raalte, D.D. *Elder*—<sup>2</sup>H. Yntema.

4. *From the Classis of Wisconsin.*—Rev. James Demarest, Jr.<sup>1</sup> P. Lepeltak, <sup>2</sup>John Vandermeulen.

### ARTICLE III.

#### MODERATORS.

Rev. Charles H. Stitt was elected *President* ; Rev. Goyn Talmage *Adessor* ; and Rev. D. S. Sutphen and Rev. S. J. Rogers, *Clerks*, *pro tem*.

### ARTICLE IV.

#### READING OF THE MINUTES.

The Minutes of the last ordinary Session of the Synod were read.

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1. Took his seat on the second day of the Session.

2. Do. third Do.

## ACTS OF THE SYNOD.

## ARTICLE I.

## ORDERS AND RULES.

These were read.

## ARTICLE II.

## STANDING COMMITTEES.

The following were appointed :

*On the Professorate.*—Rev. A. G. Vermilye, John B. Thompson, John Forsyth. Elders, Thomas Jeremiah, James Myers.

*On Overtures.*—Rev. P. D. Van Cleef, Abraham Messler, I. S. Demund. Elders, Johnson Letson, Wm. H. Crosby.

*On Synodical Minutes.*—Rev. Joseph Scudder, James B. Wilson, O. Gesner. Elders, P. A. Brokaw, E. F. Strong.

*On Domestic Missions.*—Rev. S. W. Mills, M. F. Libeneau, J. Knieskern. Elders, P. B. Elting, I. S. Van Court.

*On Foreign Missions.*—Rev. W. J. R. Taylor, E. P. Terhune, J. K. Rhinehart. Elders, R. N. Perlee, Jacob R. Hardenberg.

*On the State of Religion.*—Rev. Z. Eddy, W. T. Enyard, N. H. Van Arsdale. Elders, T. F. Cornell, James U. Emerick.

*On Education.*—Rev. J. McC. Holmes, E. L. Heermance, J. S. Joralmon. Elders, Abram Sleight, S. Waldron.

*On Judicial Business.*—Rev. J. Elmendorf, J. H. Suydam, I. S. Hartley. Elders, Charles McLearn, James Yauny.

*On the Widows' and Disabled Ministers' Funds.*—Rev. J. Searle, Wm. E. Turner, D. B. Wyckoff. Elders, J. Overcamp, George Timerman.

*On Publication.*—Rev. James Demarest, Jr., J. Howard Van Doren, Wm. B. Voorhees. Elders, Peter Cox, G. H. Van Mater.



*On Nominations.*—Rev. John Forsyth, W. W. Halloway, Jr., A. M. Arcularius. Elders, Elias B. Littell, Jonathan Auchmoody.

*On Correspondence.*—Rev. John G. Johnson, J. C. Cruikshank, C. Spaulding. Elders, R. A. Staats, R. Voorhees.

*On Accounts.*—Rev. Jacob N. Voorhis, J. H. Bertholf, John S. Lott. Elders, F. Vedder, C. F. Hoag.

*On Leave of Absence.*—Rev. N. Conklin, J. S. Joralmon, S. A. Bumstead. Elders, James Van Ness, Garret G. Bergen.

*On the Board of Direction.*—Elders, John W. Ferdon, Wm. R. Schell, R. N. Perlee, Peter Crispell, G. C. Churchill.

### ARTICLE III.

#### COMMUNICATIONS.

The following report was received from the Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick, and was referred to the Committee on the Professorate :

*To the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America :*

The Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary met in Peter Hertzog Hall at New Brunswick, on Tuesday, May 18, 1869, at 12 o'clock, M., and adjourned on Wednesday evening.

In the absence of the President the Rev. Gustavus Abeel, D.D., was called to the chair, who opened the meeting with prayer. The Rev. David Cole, D.D., was elected President, and Rev. William H. Ten Eyck, Clerk pro tem.

The following members were present :

Rev. Gustavus Abeel,  
John McC. Holmes,  
Garret C. Schanck,  
A. P. Peeke,  
S. W. Mills,  
J. H. Oerter,  
Francis A. Horton,  
Jacob N. Voorhees,  
Augustus Blauvelt,  
Henry Dater,

Rev. W. V. V. Mabon,  
John F. Mesick,  
H. Doolittle,  
Nathaniel Conklin,  
David Cole,  
Denis Wortman,  
William Anderson,  
J. L. Pearse,  
B. C. Lippincott,  
Wm. H. Ten Eyck.

The following Classes were not represented in the Board, viz :

Arcot, Geneva, Holland, Illinois, South Long Island, Michigan, Montgomery, New Brunswick, South Classis of New York, Saratoga, Schoharie, Wisconsin.

The seats of the following members become vacant by the expiration of the time for which they were appointed, viz :

Rev. J. L. Pearse, from the Classis of Albany,	
G. Abeel.....	South Classis of Bergen,
A. P. Peek.....	Classis of Cayuga,
Wm. H. Ten Eyck.....	North Classis of Long Island,
N. B. Smith.....	South Classis of Long Island,
J. W. Beardslee.....	Classis of Michigan,
Benj. Van Zandt.....	Montgomery,
Stephen Searle.....	New Brunswick,
J. C. Dutcher.....	South Classis of New York,
Nathaniel Conklin.....	Classis of Passaic,
Horace Doolittle.....	Philadelphia,
Henry Dater.....	Poughkeepsie,
John F. Mesick.....	Raritan,
J. Van Der Meulen.....	Wisconsin.

These vacancies are all to be filled for the full term of three years.

From the report of the Professors it appears that the following students have been members of the Theological Seminary :

*Senior Class.*

Edward G. Ackerman,	George D. Hulst,
Herman C. Berg,	James L. Southard,
A. Aug. Bookstaver,	Peter V. Van Buskirk.
Isaac P. Brokaw,	John Garnsey Van Slyke.

*Middle Class.*

Teunis G. Bergen,	Elias Mead,
James B. Campbell,	C. F. C. Suckow,
John B. Church,	Wm. H. Van Doren.
Peter E. Kip,	

*Junior Class.*

P. G. M. Bahler,	Peter L. Van Der Veer,
Vernon B. Carrol,	Louis B. Voorhees,
Wm. E. Davis,	Arthur Crosby,
Matthew N. Oliver,	T. S. Hamlin.

After the organization of the Board, the report of the Professors of Theology was received. They state that Mr. John V. W. Heer-

mance was also received as a member of the Junior Class, but laboring at the time under great mental depression and doubts whether it was his duty to enter the ministry, he withdrew before commencing his studies.

Mr. Arthur Crosby, desiring to complete his course of studies in two years, and finding that it was not allowable to omit the studies of the Junior year, nor practicable to compress the studies of both years into one, retired, after being with us two months, with the prospect of being able to accomplish his wishes in another institution.

Mr. Bahler, also, of the Junior class, felt himself compelled, by pecuniary embarrassment, to engage in teaching from the 1st of January until the present time. The Faculty did not feel warranted in granting leave of absence for so large a portion of the year, and he was informed that the question of his being still regarded as a member of the Class, and being admitted with them to examination, would be submitted to the Board of Superintendents.

Mr. T. S. Hamlin did not enter upon his studies until the first of January. By private instruction from the Professor of Sacred Literature, and great diligence on his part, he was enabled to make up the time he had lost, and by his faithful attention to duty, and proficiency in study, he has highly commended himself to his Professors.

They report that "By the blessing of God we have passed through the year without serious interruption by ill-health of Professors or Students, and with such tokens of Divine favor toward the Seminary as forbid despair. Our numbers are small and must continue so for another year; but looking to the lower Classes in the College, and at the number in the Grammar school who are preparing for the ministry, we have hope for the future."

Reference is then made to the pecuniary affairs of the institution, but these statements we will not repeat, as they are fully embraced in the report of the Standing Committee on Hertzog Hall, and incorporated in the latter part of this document.

There is another item to which attention is called. "With the increased expensiveness of fuel and labor, the expenses of the Hall have been so great as to compel us to make an assessment upon the rooms which is onerous, and almost intolerable to the Students, many of whom are very poor. The amount received from General Synod is very small, and no greater now than twelve years ago. While other wants of the Seminary are receiving attention, might not such an addition to our income be obtained, as would make the expenses incident to rooming in the Hall, if not merely nominal, yet not oppressive."

The Faculty also state to the Board that there are in our Library, in many instances, from two to twenty copies of the same work,

and ask authority to use their discretion in exchanging duplicates for other books that are needed in the Library, when it can be done to advantage.

The Board of Superintendents, by special resolution, have expressed the hope that liberal minded individuals in our denomination will provide the ways and means to meet these assessments on the rooms in Hertzog Hall. They have also recommended that discretionary power be granted to the Theological Faculty to exchange duplicate copies of works in the Library for other books, as they have proposed.

The usual examinations, of the several Classes in the Seminary, were conducted by the Professors in the presence of the Board.

The Seniors were examined on personal piety, and their views in entering the ministry, and also gave specimens of sermonizing. Sermons were also laid upon the table by the higher classes for inspection. All the students were interrogated as to their observance of the rule in regard to students preaching, and their answers were satisfactory. It was unanimously

*Resolved*, That the several examinations be sustained, and that the members of the Senior Class be recommended to the Professors to receive the customary certificate.

In reference to Mr. Bahle, who has been absent from the exercises of the Seminary from 1st of January: having been engaged in teaching to remove pecuniary embarrassments, the Board of Superintendents would state that Mr. Bahler has sustained a satisfactory examination with his Class, and has, in other respects, commended himself to the approbation of the Professors; and that they recommend him to General Synod for a dispensation as to the time during which he was absent from the Seminary.

The annual address to the Students of the Seminary was delivered by Rev. J. McC. Holmes, on Wednesday evening, in the chapel.

In order to secure, in future, a full attendance of the members of this Board, they recommend to the General Synod the adoption of some measure whereby the several Classes may be led to institute an inquiry as to the attendance of their delegate at its annual meeting, and if he has been absent, as to his reasons for the omission of this duty.

The Standing Committee appointed on Hertzog Theological Hall, made their report to the Board of Superintendents in conformity with the resolutions of General Synod, adopted in 1868, p. 417 of the Minutes, as follows:

The first and principal resolution of General Synod has received our attention, requesting the Board of Direction, in co-operation with the Committee on Hertzog Hall, to raise \$100,000 by subscrip-



tion for completing the endowment of the Professoral Fund, and the payment of the debt of General Synod, with power to employ an agent. The Board of Direction cordially concurred with a proposal of the Standing Committee to appoint a Joint Executive Committee, consisting of two members from each body, to accomplish as soon as practicable the object proposed by General Synod. This Joint Committee, of which Mr. James Myers, the President of the Board of Direction, is Chairman, must necessarily report directly to General Synod. To the Standing Committee it has been informally reported by our own members of the Joint Committee, that they have secured the valuable services of the Rev. J. A. H. Cornell, D.D. The first result of his exertions was a gift of \$40,000 from a member of the Collegiate Church in New York. He is prosecuting his work, not without discouragements from adverse influences, but with hope of ultimate success.

While there were other important interests of the Seminary, to some of which the attention of the Church has been urgently and repeatedly called by General Synod, we have felt that the object for which Dr. Cornell is laboring must first be secured. The time has come, however, to consider the propriety of providing for these other wants of the institution, as an immediate continuation of the effort to pay the debts and complete the endowment. The Committee have reason to hope that through the blessing of God on Dr. Cornell's warm advocacy of the claims of the Seminary and indefatigable exertions, this part of the work to which his present commission extends will be accomplished, without a general appeal even to the very wealthy members of our Church; and that if Dr. Cornell can be induced to continue this service, under the same Divine blessing, the high end proposed by General Synod in instituting the Hertzog Hall Committee may be attained, and our Seminary "become equal, in all its provisions, to any other Theological institution in this country."

We wish to call the special attention of the Board of Superintendents to the condition of the property at New Brunswick, which has been inspected under the direction of your Committee. To put the main building in ordinary repair, will require the expenditure of several thousand dollars. A considerable additional amount can be advantageously employed in remedying several great faults in its original erection, and in introducing water. The latter object is indeed of very great importance to the comfort of the students. Three years ago the Synod proposed to raise an amount for repairs to the Hall, but not more than one-third of the sum was obtained, which was soon consumed, either in merely temporary improvements, or in those which left the building scarcely less disgraceful to the public eye.

The Committee also report that the grounds are in a bad condition. The soil needs to be deepened and enriched; the roads and paths need to be reconstructed, and the trees are dwindling for want of attention.



The houses, already on the property, need the work which is usual in new buildings, after a year or two of shrinkage and settling, and their finishing coats of paint within and without. Also, a fourth house is needed to complete the number of Professoral residences.

The Committee need hardly call the attention of the Board of Superintendents to the necessity of a liberal provision for the Theological Library, since, two years ago, it was made the subject of an earnest appeal by the Board of Superintendents to the General Synod, and by the Synod recommended to the Churches.

In view of the importance of these objects, your Committee have felt that they would be warranted in exercising the authority given in 1857, "to employ an agent or agents in obtaining the necessary amounts; and they regard it eminently desirable to secure, if possible, the office of the Rev. Dr. Cornell, until the whole sum needed, to supply all the wants of the Theological Seminary, has been secured. But the Committee deem, that if he can be induced to accept the service, he should go forth with all the encouragement and moral support which will result from having received his commission directly from the General Synod, the highest authority in the Church, rather than as employed by a Committee.

Your Committee, therefore, desire, through the Board of Superintendents, respectfully to recommend to the General Synod, by its own act, to appoint Dr. Cornell to continue the work which he has so auspiciously commenced, with such provision for his comfort as its wisdom may suggest.

The Board of Superintendents desire to express to General Synod their deep conviction that the time has come when every effort ought to be made to obtain at least \$200,000, to relieve the Theological Seminary from all the hinderances to its usefulness, specified both in the report of the Theological Professors, and of the Committee on Hertzog Hall, as they are recorded in this paper—in fine to secure for it ample and sufficient endowment that it may afford every opportunity and help for the thorough preparation of our Theological Students for their high calling, enjoyed by the best seminaries in our land. We heartily commend and endorse these plans and aims as vital to the growth and prosperity of our beloved Church,

We also respectfully suggest, from the almost insuperable difficulty of convening the Committee on Hertzog Hall, in consequence of the pressure of their business engagements, that it would be good policy to select such laymen as members hereafter as can attend its meetings, in order that the scheme for the endowment of the Theological Seminary may be brought to a speedy and successful conclusion, with the blessing of God,

JOHN F. MESICK, *Chairman,*

A True Copy,  
P. D. VAN CLEEF, *Stated Clerk.*

The following report was received from the Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary at Holland, and referred to the Committee on the Professorate.

*To the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America :*

The members of the Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary, from the Particular Synod of Chicago, met at Holland, Mich., May 19-22.

The following members were present :

Rev. E. Winter,	Rev. J. W. Beardslee,
John Vandermeulen,	Jacob Vandermeulen.

Rev. E. Winter was elected President ; Rev. John Vandermeulen, Clerk *pro tem*.

The following students have been connected with the Theological classes during the year.

*Senior Class.*

Ale Buursma,	Peter Moerdyk,
Gerit Dangermond,	William Moerdyk,
William B. Gilmore,	John W. Te Winkel,
Harm Woltman.	

*Middle Class.*

James De Pree,	John Huizinga,
Enne J. Heeren,	Balster Van Ess.

*Junior Class.*

John Broek,	William Visscher,
Gerrit Van de Kreeke.	

The Professor in Theology reported that the behavior of the Theological students had been consistent and their attention to their studies close. "The largest liberty allowed by Synod to her Theological students has been given to the Senior class to preach outside of the Seminary, and such preaching has been well received and much enjoyed by the Churches, but it has too heavily taxed some of these sons of the prophets."

The Professor and Lectors reported that they had been engaged in the several branches assigned them by Synod.

Professor Crispell, in Didactic and Polemic Theology ; Dr. Phelps in Sacred Exegesis ; Prof. Beck, in Hebrew and Greek ; Prof. Scott, in Sacred History and Church History.

Besides these branches assigned to them by Synod, by request of Prof. Oggel, who was prevented by serious and protracted illness from attention to his official duties, Prof. Crispell has taught Pastoral Theology and Dr. Phelps Sacred Rhetoric. Prof. Scott, by request of the Board, has acted, temporarily, as Lector in Church Government.

The examinations were upon all the branches of study pursued during the year, and were sustained.

The various classes were interrogated as to their observance of the rule in regard to preaching. No transgression had taken place.

The Middle and Senior classes presented a sermon. The Senior class gave satisfactory proof of their proficiency in sermonizing and preaching.

The Board were gratified to see that the Committee on the Professorate recommended, last year, to the Synod to establish additional Professorships :

1. A Professorship of Homiletics and Pastoral Theology.
2. A Professorship of Exegetical Theology.
3. A Professorship of Evangelistic Theology.

Believing that the establishment of these Professorships would largely conduce to the dignity and efficiency of the school, they would recommend to Synod to carry out this plan.

The Board have recommended the students of the Senior class for their Professorial certificates. They, however, regret that this first theological class, which leaves the school of the Church at the West, does so while questions relating to the vital interests of the school are still pending and awaiting the decision of General Synod. Still, the Board felt it their duty to go forward according to the usual order. We cannot close this report without recommending to General Synod, that, whereas the West is unanimously in favor of the University plan now before Synod ; and the Board, also, are convinced that the interests of the Church in the West, and of the school, urgently demand a speedy and final settlement of this question, the General Synod accede to this unanimous request of the Western Classes.

EGBERT WINTER, *President.*

A true copy.

JACOB VANDERMEULEN.

HOLLAND, May 21st, 1869.

A communication was received from the Classis of Bergen in reference to assessments, which was referred to the Committee on the Board of Direction.

Communications were received from the Classes of Holland and

Wisconsin in reference to Freemasonry, which were referred to the Committee on Overtures.

A communication was received from the Classis of Wisconsin in reference to the support of Disabled Ministers, which was referred to the Committee on the Widows' and Disabled Ministers' Funds.

A communication was received from the Classis of Holland in reference to the Theological school at Hope College, which was referred to the Committee on the Professorate.

A communication was received from the Classis of New York, asking for a Dispensation to license Wm. L. Johnson, which was referred to the Committee on Overtures.

A communication was received from the North Classis of Long Island, asking leave to license Wm. Ferris, which was referred to the Committee on Overtures.

A communication was received from the South Classis of Long Island in regard to a change in the Statistical Tables, which was referred to the Committee on Overtures.

A communication was received from the Classis of New Brunswick in reference to the holding of stock in certain companies, which was referred to the Committees on Overtures.

A communication was received from the members of the Senior class in the Theological school at Hope College, which was referred to the Committee on the Professorate.

A communication was received from the Rev. Prof. John DeWitt, as Chairman of the Committee on Peter Hertzog Hall, and referred to the Committee on the Professorate.

A communication was received from Rev. Prof. C. E. Crispell, which was referred to the Committee on the Professorate.

A communication was received from the Synod of the Secession Church in Holland, which was referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

An invitation to visit the United States Mint was received and accepted with thanks.

An invitation was received from the Young Men's Christian Association to the lecture of Dr. Lees on the evening of the sixth day of the Session, which was declined, with regrets that the engagements of Synod will not allow its acceptance.

An invitation was received to visit the Forty-sixth Annual Exhibition of the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts, which was accepted with thanks to the Board of Directors.

An invitation was received to visit the Navy Yard, which was accepted with the thanks of the Synod.

A communication on systematic benevolence was received from the South Classis of Long Island and referred to a special committee, consisting of Rev. J. Forsyth, Z. Eddy, Cornelius Van Cleef, and Elders Peter Monteith and S. R. W. Heath, to report at the next Stated Session.

A communication was received from Profs. Woodbridge, DeWitt and Demarest, which was referred to the Committee on the Board of Direction.

An invitation to visit the rooms of the Union League was received and accepted, with the thanks of the Synod.

An invitation to visit the rooms of the Academy of Natural Sciences was accepted, with the thanks of the Synod,

#### ARTICLE IV.

##### BOARD OF CORPORATION,

The following Report of the Board of Direction of the Corporation was received, accompanied with the Annual Digest, the Treasurer's Annual Account, List of Securities belonging to the General Synod, Widows' Fund Account, Widows' Fund Income Account, Hope College Income Account, Hope College Endowment Fund Account, List of Endowed Scholarships, Education Fund Income Account, Disabled Ministers' Fund Account, Expense Account, Estimate of Amount to meet deficiency in Revenue and Van Benschoten Fund Account.

##### *To the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America :*

The Board of Direction of General Synod beg leave to report, that there have been received during the year the following bequests :

From the Executor of Mrs. Fanny Jewett, deceased, the sum of \$1,000, less the United States Internal Revenue Tax of \$60, bequeathed by her to the Board of Education of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church in America ; and the sum of \$1,000, less the



United States Internal Revenue Tax of \$60, bequeathed by her to the Board of Domestic Missions of said Church.

From the Executors of Rachel Berry, deceased, the sum of \$1,000, less the United States Internal Revenue Tax of \$60, bequeathed by her for the maintenance and support of the Foreign Missions of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church.

From the Executors of Mrs. Maria R. Lefferts, deceased, the sum of \$2,095, less United States Internal Revenue Tax of \$125 70, bequeathed by her for the support and education of young men for the Gospel Ministry; and the sum of \$209 50, less the United States Internal Revenue Tax of \$12 57, for the support of Western Missions of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church, and \$209 50, less the United States Internal Revenue Tax of \$12 57, for the support of Foreign Missions of said Church,

From the Executors of Mrs. Ann Hertzog, deceased, the sum of \$10,000, bequeathed by her, to be applied to the keeping and maintaining, in good order and repair, the Peter Hertzog Theological Hall, located at New Brunswick, New Jersey. Also, \$1,060 for interest thereon.

From the Executors of Lucas J. Voorhis, deceased, the sum of \$1,000, bequeathed by him to be applied for the maintenance and support of the Foreign Missionaries of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church,

Your Board would report that they have received from Samuel B. Schieffelin, Esq., a donation of \$3,000, for the Parochial School Fund, and that the Fund has been further enlarged by the apportionment of twenty-eight shares of the increased capital stock of the Delaware and Hudson Canal Co.

Your Board would report, that the amount received to the first of May last, on account of the assessment of \$20,000 made by General Synod in June, 1864, for the purpose of increasing the Permanent Fund of Synod, is \$16,417 41,

*Hope College Endowment Fund.*—There has been received for this fund, during the year, in cash and promissory notes, the sum of \$2,814 63; and there has been paid from the fund, to the Treasurer of Hope College, in cash and promissory notes, the sum of \$253, on account of the donation of \$30,000 made by General Synod to said College. The total amount paid on account of the said donation, up to the 1st of May, is \$29,405 86.

*Widows' Fund.*—This Fund amounts to \$29,192 19. Two annual subscribers have withdrawn from the fund the proportion of the amount of their former subscriptions, to which they were entitled under the rule for the government of the fund.

The collections from Churches during the past year amount to \$1,336 39.

Annuities have been paid from the fund, for the six months ending May 1st and November 1st, 1868, amounting in the aggregate to \$1,257 50.

Your Board report, that James Suydam tendered his resignation as a member of the Board, which was accepted; and Abm. J. Beekman was elected a member of the Board to fill the vacancy.

In accordance with instructions of General Synod, the Board have cancelled the Bond of the Rev, N, E, Smith, amounting to \$40,000,

On the suggestion of their counsel, L. K. Miller, Esq., that as an application was before the Legislature of our State, for some necessary legislation relating to the name of our Church, it would be a fitting time to obtain, if possible, an enlargement of the amount of funds which the Church is allowed by law to hold. Your Board made arrangements to procure an amendment of the Act of Incorporation of General Synod to meet this object; and they are happy to be able to report, that such an amendment has been obtained, of which the following is a copy :

“ Chapter 171 ———

An Act —————

To amend “An Act to incorporate the General Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church:” passed April seventh, eighteen hundred and nineteen; and to enable said Synod to hold property to a greater amount, Passed April 14th, 1869,

*“ The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows :*

SECTION 1. It shall be lawful for the General Synod of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church, to take and hold by gift, grant, devise or otherwise, hereafter made, and by purchase hereafter made, to hold and convey any estate, real or personal, provided that the clear annual value or income of such estate shall not exceed the sum of Fifteen Thousand dollars, exclusive of such Professorships and Scholarships, for the purposes of theological education, as may be from time to time endowed; but the right herein granted, to take and hold real or personal estate by bequest or devise, shall be subject to all provisions of law in relation to devises and bequests by last will and testament. Nothing herein contained is to be construed to apply to any question, matter, thing involved or at issue in any action now pending in any Court in which said Synod is a party, or to any action or proceeding which may hereafter be commenced against, or by, or on behalf of said Synod, or in which said Synod shall be a party and which shall not relate to property granted, bequeathed or devised to or acquired by said Synod subsequent to the passage of this act.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect immediately.”

Your Board would also state that in accordance with the Resolu-

tion of General Synod at their last meeting, requesting them to co-operate with the Committee on Hertzog Hall, in an endeavor to raise \$100,000 by subscription, for completing the endowment of the Professoral Fund, and the payment of the debt of Synod, action has been taken by them, and the services of the Rev. James A. H. Cornell, D.D., have been secured for this purpose, and that he is now engaged in the work which will be prosecuted with all diligence.

Synod will please notice that the Treasurer of your Board is again in advance for salaries and contingent expenses.

The following Classes were in arrears for Contingent Expenses on the 1st inst.

South Classis of New York.....	\$101
Classis of Monmouth.....	27 20
Classis of Paramus.....	294
Classis of Haritan.....	85
Classis of West Chester.....	32
Classis of Albany.....	158 76
Classis of Geneva.....	17 87
Classis of Montgomery.....	13 75
Classis of Orange.....	66
Classis of Saratoga.....	209 94
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	\$1,005 52

The following Classes were in arrears on the 1st inst. for assessment to increase the Permanent Fund of General Synod by the sum of \$20,000, viz:

South Classis of Bergen.....	\$1,066
South Classis of New York.....	499 95
Classis of Bergen.....	551 11
Classis of Paramus.....	297 80
Classis of Philadelphia.....	144 61
Classis of Albany.....	33 74
Classis of Greenè.....	133 08
Classis of Montgomery.....	214 30
Classis of Rensselaer.....	540 59
Classis of Saratoga.....	70 29
Classis of Schenectady.....	30 62
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	\$3,582 09

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES MYERS, *President*.  
M. S. HUTTON,  
JAS. A. WILLIAMSON, } *Directors*.  
ABR'M J. BEEKMAN,  
JOHN I. BROWER, *Treasurer*.

NEW YORK, May 29, 1869.

## Treasurer's Annual Account.

*The General Synod of the Reformed Church in America, in account  
with JOHN I. BROWER, Treasurer.*

1868.		Dr.	
May	16	To Cash paid the following persons for annuity from the Widows' Fund for the six months ending 1st inst., viz:	
		Mrs. Rosina Stillwell,.....	\$11 25
		“ Annie M. Heyer.....	15
		“ Maria Rudy.....	22 50
		“ Maria Lansing.....	30
		“ Lydia M. W. Sluyter.....	30
		“ Catharine E. Van Wagenen.....	30
		“ Harriet V. V. Mabon.....	30
		“ Esther S. Winfield.....	30
		“ Caroline Hoff.....	30
		“ Esther Hammond.....	30
		“ Jane Harlow.....	30
		“ M. A. Bassler.....	30
		“ Maria H. Van Dyck.....	30
		“ Elizabeth T. Currie.....	30
		Rev. R. W. Knight.....	30
		John F. Ward, Guardian for John Scott, a minor child of the late Rev. James Scott, D.D.....	11 25
			420
May	16	paid Rev. Isaac N. Wyckoff, D.D., the proportion of annual payments heretofore made by him into the Widows' Fund, to which he was entitled, under the rules for the government of the fund.....	405
June	5	paid Rev. Thomas B. Gregory, amount of appropriation from the Disabled Ministers' Fund, for three months from May 1st.....	50
“	5	paid Board Education, per F. J. Horsford, Treasurer, for six months' interest to May 1st, on amount of invested scholarships.....	2,472 03
		for interest on Hope College endowment Fund to May 1st, 1868.....	1,113 36
			3,585 39
June	8	paid from the Disabled Fund, the following appropriations:	
		Rev. A. C. Hillman,.....	\$50
		Nanning Bogardus.....	100
		R. W. Knight.....	50
		Mrs. Mary T. Searle.....	100
			300
		Amount carried forward.....	\$4,760 39

1868.	Dr.	
	Brought forward.....	\$4,760 39
June 8	To Cash paid the Delaware and Hudson Canal Co., the following installments on 28 shares of the increased Capital Stock, apportioned to the General Synod for Parochial School Fund: Installment of \$20 per share, June 8....560 " 10 " July 9....280 " 10 " Aug. 6....280 " 10 " Sept. 9....280 " 10 " Oct. 6....280	
9	paid for Insurance on the Peter Hertzog Theological Hall for one year from this date, as follows: Washington Insurance Co., on \$5,000.....37 50 Manhattan " " 5,000.....37 50 New Brunswick " " 5,000.....37 50 Greenwich " " 5,000.....37 50	1,680
10	paid for traveling expenses of Delegates in attending the meeting of General Synod this month, viz: Rev. I. Collier, from Classis of Michigan..28 Rev. W. I. Skillman, " " .28 Elder M. A. Marinus, " " .28 Rev. A. V. Gulick, " Illinois...36 Rev. M. L. Schenck, " " .36 Elder Simon Wyckoff, " " .36 Rev. A. C. Van Raalte, " Holland..28 Rev. Jacob Vandermeulen, " " .28 Rev. John Vandermeulen, " Wisconsin..32 Rev. J. H. Karsten, " " .32	150
15	paid the following Professors in the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick, for one quarter's salary, due 1st inst., viz: Rev. John DeWitt, D.D.....625 Rev. David D. Demarest, D.D.....625 Rev. Samuel Woodbridge, D.D.....625 Joseph F. Berg, D.D.....625 " " for one-quarter's allowance for house rent.....125	312
18	paid Rev. D. D. Demarest, D.D., as follows: for one year's salary to 1st inst., as Stated Clerk of General Synod .....150 for traveling expenses to Synod \$12 50, postage, \$3 50.....16 for stationary, \$25; printing, \$27; telegrams, \$10 16, for General Synod.....62 16	2,625
	Carried forward.....	228 16
		\$9,755 55



1868,	Dr.	
	Brought forward.....	\$9,755 55
June 19	To Cash paid John C. Howser, per Miller, Peet and Opdyke, \$3,000, amount loaned on his Bond and Mortgage.....	3,000
20	paid Rev. P. D. Van Cleef, D.D., for one year's salary to 1st inst., as Stated Clerk of the Board of Superintendents.....25	
	for expenses of the Board..... 1 75	26 75
22	paid Hosford & Sons, for Demy Minute Book for General Synod.....	14
30	paid Rev. John Steele, for traveling expenses in attending the meeting of the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church in North America, as Corresponding Delegate.....	30
July 2	paid North River Insurance Co., for insurance on the three Professoral Buildings at New Brunswick, N. J., for one year from this date..	90
6	paid Rev. Wm. H. Phraner, for traveling expenses in attending the meeting of General Synod, to present the report of Committee on Finances.....	10
28	paid Board of Education, per F. J. Hosford, Treasurer, amount of bequest of Mrs. Fanny Jewett, deceased, \$1,000, less the United States Internal Revenue Tax of \$60.....	940
28	paid Board Domestic Missions, per John R. Smith, Treasurer, amount of bequest of Mrs. Fanny Jewett, deceased, \$1,000, less the United States Internal Revenue Tax of \$60...	940
Aug. 1	paid Rev. Thomas B. Gregory, amount of appropriation from the Disabled Ministers' Fund, for the three months commencing this date.....	50
15	paid Rev. P. Peltz, D.D., for traveling expenses in attending the meeting of the General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church, as Corresponding Delegate.....	8 62
19	paid North River Insurance Co., for insurance on the furniture and library in the Peter Hertzog Theological Hall, for one year from 20th inst.....	45
Sept. 11	paid the following Professors in the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick, for one quarter's salary, due 1st inst:	
	Rev. John DeWitt, D.D.....625	
	David D. Demarest, D.D.....625	
	Samuel M. Woodbridge, D.D.....625	
	Joseph F. Berg, D.D.....625	
	" " for one quarter's allowance for house rent.....125	2,625
	Carried forward.....	\$17,534 92

1868.	Dr.	
	Amount brought forward.....	\$17,534 92
Sept. 15	To Cash paid Board of Education, per F. J. Hosford, Treasurer, for six months' dividend on fifty-six shares of the Stock of the Delaware and Hudson Canal Company.....	336
21	paid Board of For. Missions, per G. G. Smith, Treasurer, amount of Legacy of Rachel Berry, deceased, \$1,000, less U. S. Internal Revenue Tax of \$60.....	940
25	paid Board of Domestic Missions, per John R. Smith, Treasurer, amount received from estate of Maria R. Lefferts, deceased, \$209 50, less U. S. Internal Revenue Tax of \$12 57.....	196 93
25	paid Board of Foreign Missions, per G. G. Smith, Treasurer, amount received from estate of Maria R. Lefferts, deceased, \$209 50, less U. S. Internal Revenue Tax of \$12 57.....	196 93
25	paid Home Insurance Co. for insurance on buildings connected with Hope College, Michigan, for one year from this date.....	18 50
Oct. 5	paid Rev. A. C. Hillman, balance of appropriation of \$100 from the Disabled Ministers' Fund for the year commencing April 1st, 1868....	50
10	paid Rev. P. J. Oggel, Treasurer Hope College, on account of the \$30,000 donated by General Synod to said College.....	243
Nov. 2	paid Rev. Thos. B. Gregory, amount of appropriation from the Disabled Ministers' Fund, for three months from 1st inst.....	50
17	paid the following persons for annuity from the Widows' Fund, for the six months ending 1st inst., viz:	
	Mrs. Rosina Stillwell.....	\$21 75
	Annie M. Heyer.....	29
	Maria Rudy.....	43
	Maria Lansing.....	25 50
	Lydia M. W. Sluyter.....	58
	Catharine E. Van Wagenen.....	58
	Harriet V. V. Mabon.....	58
	Esther S. Winfield.....	58
	Caroline Hoff.....	58
	Esther Hammond.....	58
	Jane Harlow.....	58
	M. A. Bassler.....	58
	Maria H. Van Dyck.....	58
	Elizabeth T. Currie.....	58
	Eliza C. Lyall.....	58
	Rev. R. W. Knight.....	58
	John F. Ward, M.D., guardian for John Scott, a minor child of the late Rev. James Scott, D.D.....	21 75
		837 50
	Carried forward.....	\$20,403 78

1868.	Dr.	
	Brought forward.....	\$20,403 78
Nov. 20	To Cash paid Board of Education, per F. J. Hosford, Treasurer, for six months' interest to 1st inst. of amount of invested Scholarships. \$2,100 paid for six months' interest to 1st inst., on Hope College Endowment Fund. 375	
		2,475
Dec. 7	paid Rev. A. R. Thompson, D.D., for traveling expenses in attending the meeting of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, as Corresponding Delegate.....	6 58
17	paid the following expenses in attending the inauguration of Rev. Professor Crispell, at Holland, Mich. in Sept. last: Rev. James Demarest. \$20 David D. Demarest, D.D. 76 35	
		96 35
17	paid Rev. Joseph F. Berg, D.D., Treasurer, for one year's salary of the Janitor of the Peter Hertzog Theological Hall, to Oct. 16, 1868. \$100 for fuel for the same time. 20	
		120
17	paid the following Professors in the Theological Seminary for one-quarter's salary due 1st inst, viz: Rev. John De Witt, D.D. \$625 David Demarest, D.D. 625 Samuel M. Woodbridge, D.D. 625 Joseph F. Berg, D.D. 625 " " one quarter's allowance for house rent. 125	
		2,625
21	paid Mary Anna May (invalid daughter of the late Rev. E. H. May), per Rev. H. D. Ganse, amount of appropriation from the Disabled Ministers' Fund, for the year commencing June 1st, 1868. 200	
22	paid Rev. N. J. Marselus, D. D., amount of appropriation from the Disabled Ministers' Fund, for the year commencing Nov. 1st, 1868. 200	
26	paid Marshall S. Bidwell, Esq., per L. K. Miller, Esq., for retaining fee in the Laing Will case. 250	
1869.		
Jan'y 22	paid Rev. Charles H. Stitt, for traveling expenses in attending the meeting of the Synod of the German Reformed Church, as Corresponding Delegate. 27	
27	paid for \$5,200, in U. S. 5-20 Registered Bonds, for Parochial School Fund, five thousand, six hundred and sixty-eight dollars. 5,668	
	Carried forward.....	\$32,071 71



1869.	Dr.	
May	Brought forward.....	\$35,770 39
	To Cash paid Board of Foreign Missions, per G. G.	
	Smith, Treasurer, \$1,000, amount of bequest	
	of Lucas J. Voorhis, deceased.....	1,000
	paid John C. Elmendorf, Esq., Treasurer of Rut-	
	gers College, for one year's interest on the	
	Henry Rutgers donation of \$5,000.....	300
	paid John I. Brower, as follows, viz:	
	for one year's salary to 1st inst., as	
	Treasurer of General Synod.....	1,000
for postage, stationery, and discount on		
uncurrent funds.....	41 12	1,041 12
This amount apportioned to the following Funds, as per		
resolution of General Synod, viz:		
Permanent Professoral Fund.....	524 83	
Education " .....	216 33	
Widows' " .....	256 18	
Permanent Contingent " .....	4 48	
Hope College Endowment " .....	39 30	
	<u>\$1,041 12</u>	
To Cash Deposited in the United States Trust Co.,		
Fifteen Thousand Dollars.....		15,000
1869.		
May	1 To balance on hand carried to new account.....	\$53,111 51
		12,111 88
		<u>\$65,223 39</u>



1868,		Cr.	
May	1	By Balance from last account.....	\$13,392 10
	1	By Cash received for six months' interest to April 30th, on bond of \$6,000.....	210
		for six months' interest to April 29, on bond of \$15,000.....	450
		for six months' interest to this date, on bond of \$5,000.....	150
		for twelve months' interest to this date, on sub- scription of the Collegiate Reformed Dutch Church of \$5,000, to the Permanent Fund of General Synod.....	300
		for six months' interest to this date, on United States 5-20 Registered bond of \$10,000, and gold premium thereon.....	417 37
		for six months' interest to this date, on United States 5-20 Coupon bond of \$100, and gold pre- mium thereon.....	4 18
	6	for six months' interest to April 28th, on bond of \$6,500.....	227 50
	6	for six months' interest to 1st inst., on bond of \$5,000.....	150
	23	for six months' interest to 19th inst., on bond of \$20,000.....	600
June	1	for six months' interest to this date, on bond of \$20,000.....	600
	4	for six months' interest to 1st inst., on bond of \$7,500....	225
	4	for 12 months' interest to 1st inst., on note of Rev. Wm. J. R. Taylor, of \$250.....	17 50
	5	for six months' interest to 6th inst., on bond of \$2,500.....	87 50
	12	for six months' interest to 9th inst., on bond of \$12,000.....	420
	26	from the following persons, for one year's inter- est to May 1st, 1868, on their subscriptions to the Permanent Fund of General Synod: Estate of Cornelius Duryee, per George W. Jewett, Executor.....	15
		David W. Wetmore.....	30
		Samuel Smith, Esq.....	15
		Thomas C. Doremus.....	30
			90
July	2	for six months' interest to 1st inst., on \$25,800 United States 5-20 Registered bond, and gold premium thereon.....	1,065 44
	7	for six months' interest to 1st inst., on \$4,500 United States Coupon bonds, "1881," and gold premium thereon.....	189 67
	14	from Thomas C. Doremus, on account of his sub- scription of \$500 to the Permanent Fund of General Synod.....	100
Carried forward.....			\$18,696 26

1868.	Cr.	
	Brought forward.....	\$18,696 26
July 21	for six months' interest to 18th inst., on bond of \$15,000.....	525
21	from James H. Swift, Executor of the Estate of Fanny Jewett, deceased, as follows: amount of bequest to the Board of Education of the Reformed Prot. Dutch Church, \$1,000 less U. S. Internal Revenue Tax of \$60 940 amount of bequest to the Board of Domestic Missions of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church, 1,000, less U. S. Internal Revenue Tax of \$60.....	940
		1,880
Aug. 4	for five months, twenty-two days' interest on bond of \$6,000.....	202 98
6	for six months' interest on bond of \$4,000.....	120
6	" " " " 5,000.....	150
6	for six months' dividend on fifty-six shares of the stock of the Delaware and Hudson Canal Co.	336
21	for six months' interest to 14th inst., on bond of \$7,000.....	245
24	from Executors of Estate of Rachel Berry, deceased, \$1,000, less United States Internal Revenue Tax of \$60, being amount of bequest to be applied for the maintenance and support of the Foreign Missions of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church.....	940
Sept. 1	for six months' interest to May 1st., on \$5,000, balance of bond.....	175
1	from Samuel B. Schieffelin, for the Parochial School Fund.....	3,000
10	for six months' interest to Oct. 1, on bond of \$7,000.....	245
10	for interest on bond of \$3,000.....	58 91
12	from Executors of estate of Maria R. Lefferts, dec'd, for the Maria R. Lefferts' Fund.....\$2,095 less U. S. Internal Revenue tax..... 125 70	\$1,969 30
	for the support of Western Missions.....\$209 50 less U. S. Internal Rev. tax. 12 57	\$196 93
	for the support of Foreign Missions.....\$209 50 less U. S. Internal Rev. tax. 12 57	\$196 93
		2,363 16
	Carried forward.....	\$28,937 31

1868.	Cr.	
	Brought forward .....	\$28,937 81
Sept. 12	from Mrs. E. S. Labagh, per Rev. Wm. H. Campbell, D.D., \$100, on account of the amount loaned by the Board of Direction to the Committee on the Hertzog Theological Hall, for the purpose of finishing the Professoral building occupied by Professor David D. Demarest, D.D.....	100
12	for six months' interest to this date, on bond of \$3,200.....	112
25	from the Board of Domestic Missions.... \$66 67	
	from Board of Foreign Missions..... 66 67	
	being proportion of expenses incurred in the matter of the Probate of the Will of Mrs. Maria R. Lefferts, deceased.....	133 34
Oct. 10	for Endowment Fund of Hope College, per Rev. P. J. Oggel..... \$118	
	per Rev. P. Phelps..... 125	
		243
10	for interest on two bonds of \$500 each.....	50
14	for six months' interest to 1st inst., on two bonds amounting to \$16,000.....	560
15	for six months' interest to the 16th inst., on \$4,000, balance of bond .....	140
19	for six months' interest to 20th inst., on bond of \$7,000.....	245
23	for six months' interest to 22d inst., on two bonds amounting to \$5,250.....	183 75
30	for six months' interest to 27th inst., on bond of \$2,800.....	84
31	for six months' interest to 21st inst., on bond of \$5,000.....	150
Nov. 2	for proceeds of the sale of 25 shares of the Stock of the Delaware and Hudson Canal Co..... \$3,240 30	
7	for proceeds of the sale of 9 shares of the Delaware and Hudson Canal Co. 1,165 13	
		4,405 43
2	for six months' interest to 1st inst., on \$5,000, balance of bond.....	175
3	for six months' interest to Oct. 30th, on bond of \$6,000.....	210
9	for six months' interest to Oct. 28th, on bond of \$6,500.....	227 50
11	for six months' interest to 1st inst., on bond of \$5,000 ..	175
11	for six months' interest to Oct. 29, on bond of \$15,000.....	450
	for six months' interest to Nov. 1, on bond of \$5,000. ....	150
	for six months' interest to Nov. 19, on bond of \$20,000.....	600
	Carried forward.....	\$37,331 33

1868.	Cr.	
	Brought forward .....	\$37,331 33
14	for six months' interest to 1st inst. on United States 5-20 Registered bond of \$10,000, and gold premium thereon.....	404 25
	for six months' interest to 1st inst., on United States 5-20 Coupon bond of \$100, and gold premium thereon.....	4 04
Dec. 1	for six months' interest to this date, on bond of \$20,000 .....	600
3	for six months' interest to 1st inst., on bond of \$7,500.....	225
10	for six months' interest to 9th inst., on bond of \$12,000.....	420
11	for six months' interest to 6th inst., on bond of \$2,500.....	87 50
1869.		
Jan'y 7	for six months' interest to 28th inst., on bond of \$6,000.....	210
19	for six months' interest to 18th inst., on bond of \$15,000.....	525
20	for six months' interest to 1st inst., on \$25,300, United States 5-20 Registered bonds, and gold premium thereon.....	1,028 44
	for six months' interest to the 1st inst., on \$4,500, United States Coupon bonds "1881," and gold premium thereon.....	182 93
27	for interest on the Parochial School Fund.....	54 03
Feb'y 4	for six months' dividend on 50 shares of the Stock of the Delaware and Hudson Canal Co.	250
March 4	for six months' interest to February 14th, on bond of \$7,000.....	245
12	for six months' interest to this date, on bond of \$3,200.....	112
16	from Samuel B. Schieffelin, donation for the Theological Professors at New Brunswick....	200
March 25	received from Mahlon D. Livensetter and W. Burton Carver, executors of the estate of Mrs. Ann Hertzog, deceased, Ten Thousand Dollars, amount of Legacy to be applied to the keeping and maintaining in good order and repair, the Peter Hertzog Theological Hall, located at New Brunswick, New Jersey, ..\$10,000 interest thereon.....	1,060
		11,060
April 3	for six months' interest to 1st inst., on two bonds, amounting to \$10,000.....	350
10	for six months' interest to 1st inst., on two bonds, amounting to \$16,000.....	560
14	for six months' interest to 16th inst., on \$4,000, balance of bond.....	140
16	for six months' interest to 27th inst., on bond of \$2,800.....	84
	Carried forward.....	\$54,073 52

1869.	Cr.	
	Brought forward.....	\$54,073 52
April 19	for six months' interest to 20th inst., on bond of \$7,000.....	245
22	for six months' interest to 21st inst., on bond of \$5,000.....	150
24	for six months' interest to 22d inst., on two bonds, amounting to \$5,250.....	183 75
May 3	from Henry H. Voorhis and Albert G. Zabriskie, Executors of the estate of Lucas J. Voorhis, deceased, One Thousand Dollars, being amount of bequest to be applied for the maintenance and support of the Foreign Missionaries of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church.....	1,000
	for six months' interest to 1st inst., on \$5,000, balance of bond.....	175
	for six months' interest to April 30th, on bond of \$6,000.....	210
	by cash received during the year, on account of the assessment of \$20,000 made by General Synod in June, 1864, for the purpose of increasing the Permanent Fund of Synod, viz:	
	Classis of New Brunswick.....	\$60 43
	Classis of Ulster.....	67 17
	Reformed Church, West New Hempstead.....	30
	Classis of Geneva.....	18 40
	Classis of Paramus.....	325 20
	Classis of Schenectady.....	200
		701 20
	received during the year, on account of the \$2,800 to be raised by a committee appointed by General Synod in June, 1867, to provide for deficiency in funds to meet the salaries of the Theological Professors, for the year commencing May 1st, 1867, viz:	
	Second Church at Albany.....	50
	Church at Clarksville, \$1 34; Church at Union, \$1 53.....	2 87
	Peter S. Duryee.....	100
	Second Church at Bethlehem.....	8
	First Church at Albany.....	71 21
	Rev. A. P. Van Gieson, Chairman of Committee.....	633 58
		865 66
	received for Contingent Expenses during the year, from the following Classes, viz:	
	Poughkeepsie, \$83—\$44.....	127
	Rensselaer.....	31 62
	New Brunswick.....	28
	South Long Island.....	53
	Raritan.....	27
	South New York, \$30, \$20, \$50.....	100
		366 62
	Carried forward.....	\$57,604 13



1869.	Cr.	
May 3	Brought forward.....	\$366 62 \$57,604 13
	Westchester.....	33
	North Long Island, \$45, \$39.....	84
	Passaic.....	25
	Philadelphia, \$235 39, \$127 61....	363
	Paramus.....	40
	Bergen, \$108, \$26.....	134
	New York.....	198
	Kingston.....	24 75
	Ulster.....	26 13
	Albany.....	38 50
	South Bergen .....	44
	Geneva.....	46 46
	Schenectady.....	75 25
	Cayuga.....	59 13
	Greene.....	20 62
	Orange.....	39 87
	Schoharie.....	37 63
	Hudson.....	28
	received for the Widows' Fund during the year, as follows:	1,683 96
	from the Reformed Church at Bayonne N. J.....	6 39
	from the Reformed Church at Greenpoint, L. I.....	25 67
	from the Classis of Paramus, per Rev. G. M. S. Blauvelt.....	100
	Reformed Church at Harlem.....	15 28
	" Belleville.....	14 60
First	" Kingston.....	23 62
	" Schoharie.....	8
	" Middleburgh.....	4 50
Second	" New Brunswick... ..	52
First	" Pella, Iowa.....	26 75
	" New Salem, N. Y..	2 57
	Collegiate Ref. D. Church, New York...	49 14
	Reformed Church, Astoria, L. I.....	14
North	" Newark.....	29 29
	" Lafayette, N. J.....	3 30
	" New Utrecht, L. I..	19 37
South	" Brooklyn.....	4 88
First	" Glenville.....	5 50
	" East New York. ....	14
First	" Newark.....	23
First	" Jersey City.....	76 01
	" Berea, N. Y.....	4
	" New Hackensack, N.Y.	10
Second	" Poughkeepsie....	40 10
Third	" Raritan.....	9
	" Leeds, N. Y.....	2 50
		\$590 42
	Carried forward.....	\$59,288 09

1869.		Cr.		
May	3	Brought forward.....	\$590 42	\$59,288 09
		Reformed Church Germantown, N. Y..	6 50	
		“ Northumberland.....	10	
		“ Rotterdam, N. Y.....	7 50	
		“ Port Richmond, S. I..	21 61	
		“ Flatlands.....	6 43	
		Second “ Schenectady.....	4 80	
		“ Six Mile Run.....	20	
		First “ Schenectady.....	13 75	
		“ Wyckoff.....	4	
		“ Peekskill.....	11 38	
		“ Middlebush, N. J.....	12 70	
		“ New Concord, N. Y..	3	
		“ Fairview, Ill .....	8 23	
		First “ Claverack.....	11 50	
		First “ Brooklyn.....	75	
		“ Griggstown.....	17	
		First “ Paterson.....	23 78	
		Second “ Ghent.....	5	
		D. “ Bergen.....	17 50	
		Second “ Claverack.....	26 04	
		First “ Rotterdam.....	8	
		First D. “ Van Voorst, J. City..	16 70	
		First “ Hudson .....	25	
		D. “ New Paltz.....	20	
		“ New Lots.....	15	
		German Evangelical Church, New York.	10	
		Second Ref. Church, Coxsackie.....	4 65	
		Second “ Newark.....	9 34	
		“ Catskill .....	14	
		“ Brighton Heights, S. I.	14 10	
				\$1,032 93
received for the Widows' Fund, during the year,				
where \$20 of each amount is to apply to the				
credit of pastors, as follows, viz:				
from the Reformed Church on the Heights,				
Brooklyn, Rev. Zachary Eddy, pastor..				53 43
Ref. Church, Geneva, Rev. Samuel J. Rogers, pastor.....				20
First Reformed Church, New Brunswick,				
Rev. Richard H. Steele, D.D., pastor..				44
North Reformed Church, Brooklyn, Rev.				
Wm. T. Enyard, pastor.....				24 42
Reformed Church, 34th street, New York,				
Rev. Isaac Riley, pastor.....				46 41
Reformed Church, Branchville, N. J.,				
Rev. Wm. Pitcher, pastor.....				20
Reformed Church, Yonkers, Rev. David				
Cole, pastor (\$40 to apply to his credit).				55 20
Reformed Church, Gallupville, Rev. Edwin				
Vedder, pastor... ..				20
				\$283 46
Carried forward.....				\$60,321 02

1869.	Cr.	
May 3	Brought forward.....	\$283 46 \$60,321 02
	Reformed Church, East Brooklyn, Rev. S. F. Farmer, pastor.....	20
		303 46
	received from the following Clergymen, during the year, for their annual payments to the Widows' Fund, viz:	
	Rev. John H. Duryea.....	\$20
	John H. Bevier.....	20
	David D. Demarest, D.D.....	20
	John R. Brock.....	20
	William Demarest.....	20
	G. M. S. Blauvelt.....	20
	Jeremiah S. Lord, D.D.....	20
	William G. E. See.....	20
	John L. See, D.D.....	20
	Ab'm Mattice.....	20
	J. Pascal Strong.....	20
	Wm. W. Halloway.....	20
	Joseph Wilson.....	20
	A. H. Myers.....	20
	Stephen Searle.....	20
	Ab'm Thompson.....	20
	A. B. Taylor.....	20
	Martin Luther Berger.....	20
	George H. Peeke.....	20
	John H. Pitcher.....	20
	Benjamin C. Lippincott.....	20
	John Gardner.....	20
	Cornelius Wyckoff.....	20
	Samuel M. Woodbridge, D.D.....	20
	John H. Duryea.....	20
	H. B. Stryker.....	20
	Isaac S. Demund.....	20
	Cyrel Spaulding.....	20
	A. J. Sebring.....	20
	Henry A. Raymond.....	20
	P. D. Van Cleef, D.D.....	20
	Augustus F. Todd.....	20
	John A. Lansing, D.D.....	20
	Henry W. F. Jones.....	20
	Charles Becker.....	20
		700
	received for the Disabled Ministers' Fund, during the year, as follows, viz:	
	from Reformed Church at Lodi, N. Y....	10
	“ “ Pekin, Ill.....	11 25
	“ “ Harlem, N. Y. ....	15 28
	Ref. Church on the Heights, Brooklyn...	53 42
	“ English Neighborhood. ....	25
	“ Middleburgh.....	4 50
	Second “ Pella, Iowa.....	5
		124 45
	Carried forward.....	\$61,324 48

1869.		Cr.		
May	3	Brought forward .....	\$124 45	\$61,324 48
		from Samuel B. Schieffelin .....	50	
		Collegiate R. D. Church, New York....	54 13	
		Reformed Church, Geneva.....	8 78	
		“ Astoria, L. I.....	14 67	
		“ Stuyvesant.....	5 60	
		Rev. E. Nevius.....	5	
		North Reformed Church, Newark.....	29 28	
		First “ Pella, Iowa... 25 05		
		“ Lafayette, N.J. 10		
		South “ Brooklyn... 4 83		
		X—.....	5	
		Reformed Church, Ithica.....	12 88	
		First “ New Brunswick.....	100	
		“ East New York.....	14	
		First “ Jersey City.....	76 01	
		“ Berea, N. Y.....	4 00	
		Mrs. Francis T. Luqueer.....	50	
		Third Ref. Church, Ravitan.....	9	
		“ Greenpoint, L. I.....	28 73	
		“ Leeds, N. Y.....	2 50	
		“ Germantown, N. Y.....	6 50	
		“ Northumberland.....	30	
		“ Port Richmond, S.I.....	21 13	
		“ Flatlands.....	6 43	
		“ Catskill.....	27	
		“ Manhasset, L. I.....	11	
		First “ Schenectady.....	13 75	
		“ Peekskill.....	11 38	
		“ Boardville, N. J.....	10	
		“ Pompton.....	20 25	
		“ New Concord, N. Y.....	10	
		“ Fairview Ill.....	6 35	
		First “ Claverack.....	11 50	
		First “ Brooklyn.....	75	
		“ Montville.....	10	
		“ New Hackensack, N. Y. 9		
		Second “ Ghent.....	5	
		First “ Glenville.....	3 50	
		“ Rhinebeck.....	25	
		“ Holmdel, N. J.....	12 77	
		“ 34th street, New York.. 41 05		
		D. “ Bergen.....	17 50	
		“ Yonkers.....	64 49	
		Second “ Claverack.....	40	
		“ Gallupville.....	3	
		First “ Hudson.....	25	
		“ New Paltz.....	8 33	
		“ New Lots.....	10	
		Second “ Newark.....	9 34	
			\$1,078 18	
Carried forward ..				\$61,324 48

1869.	Cr.	
May 3	Brought forward.....	\$1,078 18
	German Evangelical Church, New York.	10
	First Reformed Church, Grand Rapids..	12
	Reformed Church, Bloomingburgh, N. Y.	13
	“ Bergen Point.....	30
	“ Brighton Heights, S. L.	14 10
		1,257 28
	received for the Endowment Fund of Hope	
	College, Mich., as follows, viz :	
	From Classis of Poughkeepsie, \$125,	
	\$168.....	293
	Reformed Church, Pompton.....	150
	Classis of Rensselaer.....	602 75
	Reformed Church, Little Falls, N. J.....	50
	“ Pompton Plains.....	200
	“ Preakness.....	34
First	“ Paterson.....	275
	“ Stone House Plains..	23 50
	“ Wyckoff.....	63
	“ Fairfield, N. J.....	25
	Rev. J. Steele.....	9 50
	Second Reformed Church Claverack....	120
	Reformed Church, 34th street, New York.	103 19
	Classis of New Brunswick.....	68 38
	“ Geneva.....	128 23
	“ Raritan....	47
	Ref. Ch., Bronxville, per. Rev. C. D. Buck.	80
	“ Greenburgh, “ “ ..	8 64
	“ Hastings, “ “ ..	100
	“ Unionville, “ “ ..	36 75
First	“ Tarrytown, “ “ ..	150
Second	“ Tarrytown, “ “ ..	73 69
		2,641 63
	Total.....	\$65,223 39
May 1	By balance on hand brought forward .....	\$12,111 88

JOHN I. BROWER, *Treasurer.*

NEW YORK, May 1st, 1869.

The subscribers, a committee appointed to examine the accounts of JOHN I. BROWER, Treasurer, have examined the same with the vouchers exhibited by him, and find them correct, leaving a balance on hand of twelve thousand one hundred and eleven dollars and eighty-eight cents.

JAMES A. WILLIAMSON, }  
 AB'M. J. BEEKMAN. } *Committee.*

NEW YORK, May 28th, 1869.



## Annual Digest.

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The Board of Direction submit to General Synod their Annual Digest, as follows:

### FUNDS DEVOTED TO EDUCATION.

#### THE VAN BENSCHOTEN FUND.

This Fund, as reported by John C. Elmendorf, Esq., Treasurer of Rutgers College, and which is loaned upon bonds secured by mortgages upon property in the State of New Jersey, etc., amounted, on the 1st of April, 1869, to.....		\$20,313 57
There has been paid to students, out of the income of this Fund, during the year.....		2,173
Cash on hand April 1st, 1869.....		<u>698 57</u>

#### LEGACY OF MISS REBECCA KNOX.

No report received.

#### EDUCATION FUND.

Amount of moneys invested by the Board of Direction on bonds secured by mortgages, and on Government bonds, &c.....		\$74,700
Balance of principal, April 30, 1869.....		1,098 62
Balance of interest received to April 30th.....		<u>2,572 05</u>

#### PERMANENT FUND.

Amount of this Fund, in which is included the donation of \$5,000, by the late Colonel Henry Rutgers, deceased, for the benefit of Rutgers College, invested by the Board of Direction on bonds secured by mortgages, and on Government bonds, &c.....		\$123,000
Loan to complete Professoral building—balance.....		3,900
Balance of fund not yet invested.....		6,080 07
Twenty-three shares of Bergen Turnpike stock, ten of which belong to Rutgers College, valued at.....		230
Amount of unpaid subscriptions to the Permanent Fund, upon which interest is received.....		<u>6,400</u>

## WIDOWS' FUND.

Amount of moneys invested on bonds secured by mortgages and on Government bonds, &c.....	\$27,200
Balance of principal April 30th, 1869.....	1,992 19
There has been paid to Annuitants, out of the income of this Fund, during the year.....	1,257 50
Balance on hand April 30th, 1869.....	<u>833 57</u>

## PERMANENT CONTINGENT FUND.

Amount of this Fund, April 30th, 1869.....	\$1,622 21
Of which there is invested.....	<u>1,300</u>

## BOARD OF DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

There has been invested for this Board, on bond secured by mortgage.....	\$250
Balance of interest to April 30th, 1869.....	<u>31 89</u>

## HOPE COLLEGE.

There has been received toward the endowment of this Institution, in money and securities.....	\$46,888 70
Of which there has been paid, out of the sum donated by General Synod to enable the Council to obtain their Charter..	29,405 86
There has been paid out of this Fund, by direction of General Synod, to Rev. P. Phelps, D.D., for expenses incurred in securing the endowment.....	11,361 39
Amount of funds in hands of the Treasurer.....	16,121 45
Of this sum, there has been invested on bonds secured by mortgages, &c.....	14,500
Balance of Fund not yet invested.....	1,621 45
Balance of interest on hand April 30th, 1869.....	<u>456 14</u>

## DISABLED MINISTERS' FUND.

Balance of this Fund April 30th, 1869.....	\$1,419 55
There has been paid from this Fund, during the year.....	<u>950</u>

## PAROCHIAL SCHOOL FUND.

This Fund consists of fifty shares of the stock of the Delaware and Hudson Canal Co. and United States 5-20 Registered bonds, amounting to.....	\$5,200
There has been received for dividends on stock and interest, during the year ending May 1.....	<u>640 03</u>

## LEGACY OF MRS. ANN HERTZOG.

The amount of this Legacy (which is invested) is.....	\$10,000
Interest thereon.....	<u>1,060</u>

*Erratum.*—The amount paid to Rev. P. Phelps, D. D., (as above,) for expenses incurred in securing the endowment of Hope College, should be \$1,361 39, instead of \$11,361 39.

## ASSETS IN THE HAND OF THE TREASURER.

Bonds and mortgages, and bonds and notes, amounting to.....	\$196,050
Loan to Committee on the Peter Hertzog Theological Hall, to complete Professoral building, balance.....	3,900
Government securities.....	39,900
Cash, balance in bank .....	12,111 88
Deposit in the United States Trust Co.....	15,000
Advances for salaries and contingent expenses.....	5,875 86
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	\$272,337 74

Certificate of fifty shares of the stock of the Delaware and Hudson Canal Co., and United States 5-20 Registered bonds, amounting to \$5,200, belonging to the Parochial School Fund.

## MINUTES OF GENERAL SYNOD.

Received for Minutes.....	\$861 45
Paid for Minutes, Postage, &c.....	\$673 18
Paid indebtedness per last report.....	142 83      816 01
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Balance on hand.....	\$45 44
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JAMES MYERS, *President.*

M. S. HUTTON,

JAMES A. WILLIAMSON, } *Directors.*

ABR'M. J. BEEKMAN,

JOHN I. BROWER, *Treasurer.*

NEW YORK, May 29, 1869.

*Resolved*, That so much of the above report and documents as relates to the Widows' and Disabled Ministers' Funds, be referred to the Committee on the Widows' and Disabled Ministers' Funds, and the remainder to the Committee on the Board of Direction, with the exception of so much as relates to the effort for raising \$100,000 for the Professoral Fund, which was referred to the Committee on the Professorate; and the Estimate of contingent expenses, which was referred to the Committee on Accounts.

The Committee on Nominations having reported, Synod proceeded to the election of the Board of Direction of the Corporation. On counting the ballots it appeared that the following were chosen: Mr. Peter R. Warner, President; Rev. M. S. Hutton, John Van Nest, Jas. Suydam, Directors; and Mr. John I. Brower, Treasurer.

A resolution on the subject of the salaries of the Professors of Theology was offered, and referred to the Committee on the Board of Direction.

The Committee on the Board of Direction presented the following report which was accepted and adopted :

*Report of Committee on the Board of Direction.*—The Committee on the Board of Direction respectfully report on the following papers referred to them, viz :

The Annual Report of the Board of Direction, with the documents connected therewith; Treasurer's Annual Account; Annual Digest; List of securities belonging to General Synod; List of Endowed Scholarships; Education Fund Income Account; Hope College Endowment Fund Account; Hope College Income Account; Expense account; Estimate of amount to meet deficiency in Revenue, and Van Benschoten Fund Account.

The Digest also contains an account of the Widows' Fund; of the Widows' Fund Income, and the Disabled Ministers' Fund.

*Report of Board of Direction.*—The Board acknowledge the receipt, by bequest, of the sum of \$3,095 during the past year, for the Board of Education. Also, by bequest, the sum of \$1,209 50 for the Board of Domestic Missions, and in, like manner, the sum of \$2,209 50 for the Board of Foreign Missions.

The sum of \$3,000 has been received for the Parochial School Fund, and has been further enlarged by the apportionment of twenty-eight shares of the increased capital stock of the Delaware and Hudson Canal Co.

The amount received on account of the assessment of \$20,000 made by General Synod in June, 1864, for the purpose of increasing

the Permanent Fund, is \$16,417 41. The balance still due is \$3,572 59. The amount paid during the past year on this assessment is \$710 48. In relation hereto, your Committee recommend the passage of the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the Classes who have failed to pay the assessment made, in 1864, for raising \$20,000 for the further endowment of the Professoral Fund, be requested to take immediate measures for the payment of their respective quotas: and that, in the judgment of General Synod, they ought to pay interest on the amount of which they are deficient, during the term of such deficiency, from this date.

The Board of Direction also report, that \$10,000 have been received from the Executors of Mrs. Anna Hertzog, for maintaining and keeping in good order Peter Hertzog Theological Hall.

*Hope College Endowment Fund.*—There has been received for this Fund, during the year, in cash and promissory notes, the sum of \$2,894 63, and has been paid from the Fund to the Treasurer of Hope College, in cash and promissory notes, the sum of \$253, on account of the donation of \$30,000 made by General Synod to said College. Total amount paid on account of the said donation, up to May 1st, is \$29,405 86, leaving a balance of \$594 14.

*Hope College Income Fund Account.*—There are in the hands of the Treasurer, belonging to this account, \$456 14.

The endowed scholarships amount to the sum of \$75,798 62.

*Securities* belonging to the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America, in the hands of the Treasurer May 1st, 1869, amounted to \$254,850.

The full amount of assets in the hands of the Treas'r is \$272,337 74.

*Widows' Fund.*—There has been paid to annuitants, out of the income of this fund during the year, \$1,257 50.

*Disabled Ministers' Fund.*—There has been paid from this Fund during the year, \$950.

*Treasurer's Annual Account.*—The balance on hand May 1st, 1869, \$12,111 88.

*Treasurer's General Expense Account.*—There is a balance due the Treasurer, on this account, of \$5,375 86.

*Estimate of amount to meet deficiency of revenue.*—It is estimated by the Treasurer that this deficiency for the year commencing May 1st, 1869, will be \$3,751.



The amount necessary to free the Synod from debt, as will be seen by the Treasurer's report, is as follows:

Amount advanced for salaries and expenses.....	\$9,326 33
Loan to Building Committee.....	4,000
Note at State Bank—see report of Hertzog Hall Committee.....	5,878 72
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	19,205 05
Interest on above note.....	414 13
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	\$19,619 18
To this is to be added the estimate of the Treasurer for the current year, commencing May 1st, 1869.	3,751
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	\$22,956 05
	414 13
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	\$23,370 18

Your Committee would call attention to the communication received from the Professors of the Theological Seminary in reference to the amount falling due July 22d, 1869, for the sum of \$6,292 85, payable to the State Bank of New Brunswick, N. J. And recommend the passage of the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That it be referred to the Board of Direction to relieve the Theological Professors from the debt (\$6,292 85) incurred by them under authority of General Synod, in order to complete the Professorial houses, either by a temporary loan, or by such other means as they may deem most expedient.

At the last meeting of General Synod, the Board of Direction was requested to raise, in coöperation with the Committee on Hertzog Hall, the sum of \$100,000, by subscription, for completing the endowment of the Professorial Fund, and the payment of the debt of Synod, with power to employ an agent.

The Rev. Jas. A. H. Cornell was duly empowered by the Board for this purpose, and your committee is happy to say, that there is now a fair prospect of raising, not only the sum of \$100,000, but of increasing the amount to \$200,000. The sum of \$40,000 having already been subscribed by one person—James Suydam, Esq., of New York city.

In connection herewith, your Committee recommend the passage of the following resolutions:

*Resolved*, That the General Synod of the Reformed Church of America return its sincere thanks to James Suydam, Esq., for his munificent subscription of \$40,000 to the Professorial Fund of said Church.

*Resolved*, That Rev. Jas. A. H. Cornell be requested to continue his labors as agent for the Board of Direction, and Standing committee on Peter Hertzog Hall, during the present financial year.

*Resolved*, That the salary of each of the Professors in the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick be \$3,000 for the current year.

*Resolved*, That Prof. Berg be allowed \$500 for rent of dwelling for the current year.

JOHN W. FERDON,	} Committee.
RALPH N. PERLEE,	
WM. R. SCHELL,	
G. C. CHURCHILL,	
PETER CRISPELL, Jr.	

*Resolved*, That the Board of Direction be authorized to pay to the Standing committee on Peter Hertzog Theological Hall, the amount of interest now in their hands from the bequest of Mrs. Anna Hertzog; and also, from time to time, such interest as may hereafter accrue.

*Resolved*, That so much of the assessment for the \$20,000 as remains unpaid by the South Classis of New York, and charged to the South Church of New York, be transferred to the Classis of New York for collection; and that the portions charged to the Market Street Church, and the Church at Stapleton be remitted.

*Resolved*, That the Board of Direction be requested to prepare and issue, as soon as possible, a brief statement of facts and an appeal in behalf of the Widows' and Disabled Ministers' Funds, for general circulation among the Churches, and for use in the public presentation of these objects.

## ARTICLE V.

### C O R R E S P O N D E N C E .

Reports were received from Rev. W. J. R. Taylor, Delegate to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church convened at the Brick Church, New York, Rev. John L. See, Delegate to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church convened in the Church of the Covenant, New York, Rev. John A. DeBaun, Delegate to the General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church, Rev. W. R.

Gordon, Delegate to the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, and Rev. C. H. Stitt, Delegate to the Synod of the German Reformed Church, which were referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

*Resolved*, That the credentials of Corresponding Delegates, after being read, be referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

Rev. William Gregg appeared in Synod, and took his seat as a Corresponding Delegate from the Synod of the Canada Presbyterian Church.

Rev. Peter Stryker, D.D., appeared in Synod, and took his seat as a Corresponding Delegate from the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church meeting in the Church of the Covenant at New York City.

Rev. E. E. Higbee, D.D., appeared in Synod, and took his seat as a Corresponding Delegate from the Synod of the German Reformed Church.

Rev. Abraham Gosman, D.D., appeared in Synod, and took his seat as a Corresponding Delegate from the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church convened at Albany in 1868.

Rev. Prof. S. S. Schmucker, D.D., appeared in Synod, and took his seat as a Corresponding Delegate from the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Rev. David Steele, D.D., appeared in Synod, and took his seat as a Corresponding Delegate from the General Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church.

Rev. W. W. Barr appeared in Synod, and took his seat as a Delegate from the General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church of North America.

A paper presented by Rev. J. S. Hartley on the subject of the Æcumenical Council called by the Pope of Rome was referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

The Committee on the calling of a National Council of Evangelical Churches made a report which was accepted, and the Committee was continued, and Rev. J. M. Matthews was added to it.

*Resolved*, That a Delegation of three Ministers and two Elders be appointed to attend said Council.

Rev. James M. Matthews, Thomas De Witt, E. S. Porter, and Elders Erastus C. Benedict, and William H. Crosby were appointed.

It appearing that several of the highest judicatories and assemblies of Evangelical denominations have not been invited to send delegates to the proposed Council to be held in New York in October next, and whose next annual meetings are not to be held previous to that time, but who are anxious to be represented on the occasion ;

*Resolved*, That in all such cases the Committee appointed to send out invitations be instructed to correspond with the presiding officers of such judicatories or assemblies and request them to take such measures as to them shall seem best to secure a representation.

*Resolved*, That in case of death or sickness of any member of the Committee for the Council in October, the President and Stated Clerk of the Synod shall have power to fill the vacancy.

The Committee on Correspondence presented the following Report, which was accepted and adopted :

*Report of the Committee on Correspondence.*—The Committee on Correspondence respectfully report that they have had put into their hands the following papers :

1. Reports from the several delegates appointed by General Synod to bear the salutations of the Reformed Church to the several Churches with which our Church is in correspondence, to wit: From the Rev. W. R. Gordon, Delegate to the Evangelical Lutheran Church, whose General Synod met at Washington, D. C., on the 13th of May last.

From the Rev. W. J. R. Taylor, Delegate to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church which met in the Brick Church, New York City, on the 20th day of May, 1869.

From the Rev. John DeBaun, Delegate to the General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church which met in Monmouth, Illinois, May 26th, 1869.

From the Rev. John L. See, Delegate to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church which met in the Church of the Covenant, in the city of New York, in May last.

From the Rev. Charles H. Stitt, Delegate to the Synod of the German Reformed Church which met in Hagerstown, Md., on the 21st of October, 1868.

All these brethren report that they were most favorably and kindly received, and their fraternal salutations from the Reformed Church reciprocated in the best spirit by the bodies to which they were sent.

The Delegate to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church which met in the Brick Church, in the city of New York, reports that that Assembly appointed a special committee for the consideration of the proposal made by the last General Synod of the Reformed Church for a National Council of Evangelical Churches in the United States, and selected delegates to attend said Council.

The Delegate to the Evangelical Lutheran Church reports a like action in the Synod of that body in regard to the proposed National Council.

2. Certificates of the appointment on the part of the following Ecclesiastical bodies of delegates to bear their Christian and fraternal salutations to the Synod of the Reformed Church, to wit:

Of the Rev. Dr. E. E. Higbee, of the German Reformed Church; the Rev. Peter Stryker, of the Presbyterian Church N. S.; the Rev. David Steele, of the Reformed Presbyterian Church; the Rev. Prof. S. S. Schmucker, of the Evangelical Lutheran Church; the Rev. Abram Gosman, of the Presbyterian Church, O. S.; and of the Rev. W. W. Barr, of the United Presbyterian Church of North America.

And of the Rev. Wm. Gregg, of the Canada Presbyterian Church, for the purpose of opening a correspondence with the General Synod of the Reformed Church, and requesting that a delegate be appointed by this Synod to convey the fraternal salutations of the Reformed Church to the Canada Presbyterian Church.

The Committee recommend that this request be granted, and that the General Synod reciprocate the fraternal salutations of the Canada Presbyterian Church.

3. A communication from the General Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, containing an extract from their minutes declining for reasons therein given to send delegates to the proposed National Council.

The Committee submit that no action is necessary.

4. A letter from the Committee of the Synod of the Secession Church of Holland, informing this Synod that the Synod of said Church will meet D. V. on the 15th of June next, at Middleburg, the capital of the Province of Zeeland, and requesting the Synod to send a deputation to attend said meeting of Synod, for the furtherance by mutual intercourse of the fellowship of Saints.

The committee recommend that the Synod express their gratification at the reception of this letter, and appoint Rev. C. Van Dermeulen, who they understand is on his way to meet said Synod; such deputation to bear the salutations of this Synod to the Secession Church of Holland.

5. A paper containing a preamble and resolutions on the subject of the Ecumenical Council called by the Pope of Rome, Pius the IX.,



to convene in that city on the 8th day of December next, to devise such means and measures as shall be for the extension of the Gospel of Jesus Christ throughout the world, and the uniting of all Christians in one fold and under one Shepherd.

No action is recommended.

In behalf of Committee,

J. G. JOHNSON, *Chairman*.

The Committee on Correspondence having reported a double number of nominations, the Synod proceeded to ballot for delegates to the bodies with which the Synod is in correspondence. The following were elected :

Rev. David Cole was elected Delegate Primarius to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church O. S., and Rev. James Le Fevre Secundus.

Rev. James Demarest was elected Delegate Primarius to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church N. S., and Rev. Samuel W. Mills Secundus.

Rev. J. B. Thompson was elected Delegate Primarius to the Synod of the German Reformed Church, and Rev. J. T. Demarest Secundus.

Rev. John McC. Holmes was elected Delegate Primarius to the General Synod of the German Reformed Church, and Rev. A. G. Ryerson Secundus.

Rev. J. F. Harris was elected Delegate Primarius to the General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church in North America, and Rev. William E. Turner Secundus.

Rev. John G. Johnson was elected Delegate Primarius to the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church in North America, and Rev. Richard H. Steele Secundus.

Rev. Goyn Talmage was elected Delegate Primarius to the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, and Rev. Edgar L. Heermance Secundus.

Rev. Samuel J. Rogers was elected Delegate Primarius, and Rev. M. L. Berger Secundus to the Synod of the Canada Presbyterian Church.

## ARTICLE VI.

## SYNODICAL REPORT.

The Committee on the State of Religion presented the following report, which was accepted and adopted :

The Committee on the State of Religion respectfully submit the following report :

From the Minutes of the several Particular Synods the following results have been gathered :

Total number of Churches, four hundred and thirty-eight. (438.)

There have been received into the Church on confession of their faith three thousand one hundred and twenty five. (3,125.)

By certificates from sister Churches, two thousand and one. (2,001.)

Two hundred and fifty-three thousand two hundred and three dollars and fourteen cents (253,203 14) have been contributed to objects of benevolence, and seven hundred and ninety-eight thousand eight hundred and ninety dollars and sixty-one cents (798,890 61) have been raised for congregational purposes.

In comparing these items with the reports of last year, your Committee find that there are ten (10) Churches less than were then reported, and that of the 438, seventy-five (75), being an increase of ten (10), are now vacant.

These figures show the lamentable fact that numerically at least we are losing ground, there being ten (10) Churches less, and ten (10) vacancies more.

In the Classis of Schoharie there are 13 Churches, and only 5 settled Pastors.

In the Classis of Montgomery there are 23 Churches and but eleven (11) pastors, two (2) having four (4) Churches, leaving nine (9) destitute of the stated preaching of the Gospel.

The accession to our membership on confession of faith as compared with the previous year shows a decrease of 679—

And by certificate of 293, making a total of 972 less than were then received:

In reference to the contributions of our Churches, it is gratifying to be able to report unusual liberality.

There has been an increase of forty-eight thousand seven hundred and ten dollars and twenty-one cents (48,710 21) in the amount received for benevolent objects—

And for congregational purposes, thirty-four thousand seven hundred and forty-two dollars and ninety-five cents (34,742 95), making

a total in excess of last year of eighty-three thousand four hundred and fifty-three dollars and sixteen cents (83,453 16).

We record with thanksgiving that some of our Churches have been blessed with special effusions of the Holy Ghost. The Classis of Albany seems to have been especially favored, several congregations having enjoyed a gracious reviving. The First Church of Bethlehem has received 82 into its communion on confession of faith.

In the Church of Owasco, Cayuga Classis, over seventy have been awakened and hopefully brought to Christ. The Church of Amity, Schenectady Classis, has been increased by the accession of forty. Those of Plattekill and Shokan, Classis of Ulster, respectively thirty-seven and twenty-nine. The Classis of Kingston reports interesting revivals in the Churches of Marbletown and Rosendale. The Classis of Michigan also makes grateful mention of "times of refreshing" from the presence of the Lord.

The last year, though it will scarcely be remembered as one of marked prosperity, has been one of peace, order, and harmony throughout our beloved Zion. No bitter controversies have agitated our Churches; no schisms have marred their fellowship; no deadly heresies have poisoned their life; no outbreak of fanaticism has disturbed their order. From our pulpits, so far as is known, has sounded forth the doctrine which is according to godliness, unmingled with those great errors which prevail in these perilous times. The worship of the Triune God has been duly and reverently celebrated in most of our Churches, without any gross departure from our ancient and excellent forms—those forms which have witnessed for many generations to the truth as it is in Jesus Christ. We cannot, however, but express our concern lest the venerable sacramental forms, the use of which is binding on all our Ministers, should be gradually laid aside, or replaced by crude, extemporaneous effusions, at the will of particular celebrants. The semi-liturgical character of our worship is a distinctive feature of this Church. It is in itself as noble as it is evangelical. It is sacred and fragrant with the memories of a past as great and august as that of any sister Church, and should be cherished in love and reverence to the fathers. Possibly some of those forms may need some slight revision to adapt them to the wants and the taste of our own time; but the substance of them should be sacredly preserved. When our liturgy falls into utter neglect, our apology for a distinct denominational existence will have passed away.

Closely connected with this topic is another of even greater importance. Your Committee have reason to fear that the prescribed and time-honored duty of explaining in order the Catechism, has, in many Churches, fallen into disuse. And, it is also feared, that instruction in this excellent symbol is less thorough in families and in Sabbath-schools than it was in former times. This we regard as a

deplorable and ominous fact. It is in our Catechism, more than in any other standard, that the true idea of the Church, the sacraments, and the Christian life is clearly and beautifully expressed. It is in the Catechism that the true relation of children to Christ and His Church, and the true idea of Christian nature is admirably set forth. We suggest to the Synod the expediency of issuing a Pastoral Letter to the Churches touching this matter, and of solemnly enjoining on all acting Pastors in our communion the faithful performance of their duty as prescribed in the Constitution.

It appears from the statistics of the Particular Synods that the number of Sunday-school scholars who have been under instruction during the year is 46,794, some 500 less than in 1868. The number of Catechumens reported is 21,142, showing a decrease of 1,317. If these figures are reliable they ought to occasion deep concern. There ought to have been an increase of thousands.

Our Ministry has been weakened during the year by the loss of several to other denominations, and by the death of a few excellent and beloved men, among whom we mention the names of Jeremiah S. Lord, D.D., A. O. Halsey, Abram Berky, I. N. Wyckoff, D.D., S. Kissam, Nanning Bogardus.

It appears that the number of Ministers without charge, irrespective of those engaged in teaching and in managing our different Boards, is 115; and the number of vacant Churches is 75. These figures, placed side by side, are not only startling and suggestive but positively sorrowful. What remedy shall be applied to the enormous evil thus disclosed, it is for the Synod to devise. With a numerical overplus of Ministers, it is lamentable that so large a proportion of our Churches should be destitute of Pastors.

A general review of the facts brought out in this report warrants the statement that this Church, though scarcely in a state of decay and disintegration, is far from exhibiting signs of a healthy and rapid growth. The facts cannot be ignored. As a Christian denomination we are not doing our work. While the country and sister Churches are making rapid strides, we are standing still. In our large cities, New York, Brooklyn, Philadelphia, and others, new Churches are not springing up, while some of historic renown are dying out. In the great West we have here and there a Missionary, but they are few and far between. In the vast region between the Mississippi and the Pacific Ocean, with one or two exceptions, we are not represented by a single Church. Great States are springing up on either slope of the Rocky Mountains in which the Reformed Church is unknown. There is scarcely a Minister of our Church between this great State of Pennsylvania and the Gulf of Mexico.

In the work of Foreign Missions, God has especially smiled upon our efforts. But our Missions are cramped for lack of men and

money, and our Board is entangled in debt. Our educational institutions, excellent in themselves, are not generously supported, and are less flourishing and fruitful than they ought to be made.

While the Committee thus frankly express their misgivings touching the present state of religion among us, we also declare our firm conviction that the Spirit of the ever-living Head is still with us; that our Church is a living branch of the true vine; that her latent powers need only to be developed to render her abundantly fruitful; that her distinctive peculiarities of faith and order are as valuable as they are scriptural; that she has a special and important mission to fulfill in this country at the present time; that her stability, intelligence, orthodoxy, and admirable ecclesiastical polity, so congenial with our free institutions and the spirit of the age, fit our Reformed Church for a work which no other denomination can do as well. God, in His favor, is now offering us a glorious career. He is calling us, rather, to a mighty work. May He impart to us wisdom to understand and strength to fulfill our high mission.

The Committee recommend that the first Friday in January, 1870, be set apart as a day of humiliation, fasting, and prayer, that God will again visit this vine which His own right hand has planted with the refreshing showers of His grace.

The Committee on the State of Religion, with the addition of the President of the Synod, were appointed to prepare and send forth in the name of the Synod the Pastoral Letter proposed by the Committee.



CLASSIS OF ALBANY—P. S. A.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	COMMUNICANTS					B. A. P.	C. & B. C.		CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS				
		On Certificate		On Confession	Dismissed	Suspended		Died	Total now in Com- munion	Infants	Adults		Number of Cate- chumens	Number of Schools—Average Number of Scholars	Religious and Be- nevolent Purposes	Congregational Purposes
		Rec'd	On Confession													
Census	Number of Families	Rec'd	On Confession	Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Com- munion	Infants	Adults	Number of Cate- chumens	Number of Schools—Average Number of Scholars	Religious and Be- nevolent Purposes	Congregational Purposes	Albany, N. Y. " " " " " " " " Knox, Albany Co. Albany. Adams Station. Clarksville. Coeymans. Feurabush. New Baltimore. New Salem. Knox Feurabush. Union Church. Westerlo.		
First Albany.....	R. W. Clark.....	295	18	10	14	9	737	10	3	370	150	60	\$9,294 47	\$10,781 67	Albany, N. Y.	
Second do.....	J. Elmendorf.....	170	17	13	16	5	168	16	6	60	400	250	8,155 70	8,765 47	"	
Third do.....	J. Searle, (s. c.).....	10	1	18	2	4	168	27	12	250	150	330	327 64	5,909 75	"	
Fourth do.....	Jacob F. Neef.....	70	23	2	6	4	145	21	...	25	6	125	73 64	1,092 26	"	
Vacant.....	Vacant.....	30	6	...	...	...	48	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	"	
Holland do.....	Wm. H. Ballagh.....	60	1	2	1	2	80	8	...	25	40	50	74 00	625 60	Knox, Albany Co.	
Second Berne.....	H. M. Voorhees.....	152	82	9	1	2	279	2	20	60	90	195	541 16	1,975 56	Albany.	
First Bethlehem.....	J. Lansing Pearce.....	85	33	7	3	4	179	5	13	30	75	75	363 88	1,375 00	Adams Station.	
Second do.....	*A. Westveer.....	38	8	...	1	1	52	...	8	...	25	50	...	305 00	Clarksville.	
Clarkville.....	L. H. Bahler.....	70	1	...	3	4	106	...	...	35	40	65	...	1,274 10	Coeymans.	
Coeymans.....	A. C. Millsbaugh.....	80	6	2	2	2	99	10	2	40	20	65	145 00	900 00	Feurabush.	
Jerusalem.....	R. G. Strong.....	79	2	3	4	4	115	1	2	80	80	110	524 25	2,227 31	New Baltimore.	
New Baltimore.....	J. H. Kershow.....	83	24	6	4	4	176	4	6	10	60	75	110 77	1,055 38	New Salem.	
New Salem.....	Wm. H. Ballagh.....	28	3	...	3	...	44	...	...	...	32	40	76 60	450 00	Knox	
Knox.....	A. C. Millsbaugh.....	50	5	...	2	88	...	8	15	26	12	60	30 00	400 00	Feurabush.	
Onl-quethaw.....	A. Westveer.....	35	...	4	...	...	41	...	...	53	13	28	...	298 36	Union Church.	
Union.....	Vacant.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Westerlo.	
Westerlo.....	Total.....	1,427	292	65	68	46	2,357	107	82	994	1212	2108	\$14,775 85	\$37,486,77		

Minist'ers without Charge.—J. Van Vechten, D.D., Auburn, N. Y.; S. Van Santvoord, New Baltimore; H. Slauson, Fair Haven, Vt.; A. Dickson, Lansingburgh; J. P. Pepper, Brooklyn.

\*pastor elect.

## CLASSIS OF ARCOT-P. S. N. Y.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS					BAP.		C. & B. C.	Sub. Schools—Average Number of Scholars	CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS
			On Confession	Rec'd	Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Com- munion	Infants	Adults		Religious and Be- nevolent Purposes	Congregational Purposes	
Arcot .....	John Scudder .....	34	4	1	6	1	1	39	5	15	47	R. 93 5 0 A. 164 4 3	.....	Arcot.
Arnee .....	Joseph Mayon S. S. ....	99	...	...	...	3	...	76	34	34	163	.....	.....	Arnee.
Alainal .....	Jared W. Scudder .....	19	...	...	...	3	...	21	*	29	...	.....	.....	Chittoor.
Chittoor .....	John Zechariah .....	45	12	6	5	3	5	59	11	3	32	193 0 0	.....	Conoor.
Conoor .....	Andrew Sawyer .....	42	5	8	5	2	2	74	18	8	11	246 0 0	.....	Arnee.
Ganodim .....	W. W. Scudder, S. S. ....	47	...	...	...	2	3	74	...	...	38	.....	.....	Vellore.
Katupadi .....	W. W. Scudder, S. S. ....	12	...	...	...	1	1	13	...	...	12	.....	.....	Arnee.
Kundupattor .....	Joseph Mayon, S. S. ....	11	...	...	...	...	...	92	*	*	6	16 8 5	.....	Mudnapilly.
Modur .....	Jacob Chamberlain, Jr. ....	11	...	...	...	...	...	13	6	8	5	.....	.....	Arnee.
Mudnapilly .....	Andrew Sawyer .....	10	2	3	...	...	...	21	...	...	8	.....	.....	Arnee.
Palamanar .....	Joseph Mayon, S. S. ....	11	...	...	...	...	...	14	...	...	1	.....	.....	Vellore.
Satambady .....	W. W. Scudder, S. S. ....	9	...	...	...	5	...	20	*	*	48	182 0 5	.....	Arnee.
Vellambi .....	W. W. Scudder, S. S. ....	11	7	11	3	...	...	61	7	2	48	.....	.....	Vellore.
Vellore .....	W. W. Scudder, S. S. ....	78	...	...	...	...	...	20	...	...	...	.....	.....	Vellore.
Total .....	Total .....	439	31	29	19	20	13	534	81	70	408	899 13 1	.....	.....

Ministries without Charge.—Rev. W. W. Scudder, D.D., in Charge of Arcot Seminary, Vellore, India; Rev. Joseph Scudder, D.D., Cor. Sec. Am. For. Chris-  
tian Union; Rev. S. D. Scudder, M.D., Medical Missionary.

Candidates.—V. Yasadan and Israel.

\*Included in Arnee.

No Report.

The above table is correct only in number of families, of communicants, and of catechumens, otherwise the totals are incomplete i. e. less than the truth.

## CLASSIS OF BERGEN.—P. S. N. Y.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS					BAP.		C. & B. C.		Sub. Schools—Average Number of Scholars	CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS
			On Confession	Rec'd	Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Com- munion	Infants	Adults	Number of Cate- chumens	Number in Biblical Instruction	Religious and Be- nevolent Purposes	Congregational Purposes	
English Neighborhood.....	A. E. Taylor.....	38	5	3	3	8	46	206	15	2	200	...	1,175 00	\$25,600 00	English Neighborhood, N. J.
First Hackensack.....	T. B. Romeyn.....	175	10	8	1	5	235	11	15	3	150	...	...	...	Hackensack, N. J.
Schraalenbergh.....	W. R. Gordon.....	167	8	1	1	5	117	21	11	8	200	...	...	...	Schraalenbergh, N. J.
New Durham.....	W. V. V. Mahon.....	94	16	1	3	1	5	6	45	4	100	...	513 40	2,146 00	New Durham, Hudson co., N. J.
First Hoboken.....	J. K. Allen.....	38	2	5	6	...	...	...	13	12	100	...	147 34	1,530 00	Hoboken, N. J.
Third Jersey City.....	J. H. Suydam.....	160	17	11	12	...	...	...	19	...	200	...	1,045 21	4,800 00	Jersey City, N. J.
North Bergen.....	J. Justin.....	56	8	1	2	...	...	...	...	...	110	...	45 45	3,600 00	Town of Union, Hudson co., N. J.
Second Hackensack.....	G. H. Fisher.....	80	1	6	...	...	...	...	162	1	25	...	...	...	Hackensack, N. J.
German Hoboken.....	L. Mohr.....	348	...	...	...	...	...	...	14	...	25	...	...	...	Hoboken, N. J.
German Hackensack.....	A. Schroeder.....	25	6	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	60	...	25 00	...	Hackensack, N. J.
Closter City.....	Vacant.....	45	17	6	1	...	...	...	39	...	100	...	...	...	Closter, Bergen co., N. J.
Palisades.....	Vacant.....	45	17	6	1	...	...	...	38	...	90	...	...	...	English Neighborhood.
Total.....	Total.....	971	90	46	28	1	21	1129	101	24	976	626	\$2,951 40	\$37,376 00	

*Ministers without Charge.*—A. H. Warner, Hackensack, Bergen Co., N. J. C. Wiley, Hackensack, Bergen Co., N. J. R. D. Van Kleeck, Jersey City.  
D. Ver-ni-ye, Adriaance, Dutchess Co., N. Y. J. Romeyn Berry, care of J. L. Elliott, No. 1 Astor House, New York. I. M. See, English Neighborhood, N. J.

\*Report of last year.  
†Revised list.

## SOUTH CLASSIS OF BERGEN.—P. S. N. Y.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	COMMUNICANTS										BAP.	C. & B. C.		CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS	
		Census		Number of Families				Total now in Communion					Number of Cate- chumens	Number in Biblical Instruction	Sab. Schools—Average Number of Scholars	Religious and Be- nevolent Purposes		Congregational Purposes
		On Confession	Rec'd	On Certificate	Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Infants	Adults									
Bergen	B. C. Taylor	230	9	12	8	11	311	22	6	420	440	\$1,437	43	\$2,504	36	Hudson City, N. J.		
Belleville	W. W. Holloway, Jr.	130	16	12	2	3	161	6	4	125	175	377	19	8,031	13	Belleville, "		
First Jersey City	Geo. H. Peeke	100	12	4	11	1	173	4	2	100	143	3,183	98	3,864	24	Jersey City, "		
Bergen Neck	T. W. Wells	65	12	3	4	1	91	5	2	80	81	140	95	3,075	63	Bayonne, "		
First Newark	E. P. Terhune	310	6	13	168	6	431	11	1	225	17	6,092	34	7,024	56	Newark, "		
Irrington	H. Velslage, Jr.	100	1	11	8	1	189	3	...	70	95	286	00	2,005	01	Irrington, "		
First Van Vorst	P. D. Van Glee	150	8	7	5	2	262	10	2	225	157	2,291	00	5,500	00	Jersey City, "		
Second Newark	M. B. Riddle	108	4	2	5	2	198	2	2	123	145	830	46	2,326	85	Newark, "		
Bergen Point	H. W. F. Jones	70	13	8	3	1	110	8	5	146	135	1,024	50	4,092	12	Bergen Point, "		
Franklin	A. Ostrom	90	5	3	3	...	86	5	2	400	400	5,032	17	156	60	Franklin, "		
North Newark	C. E. Hart	194	7	17	22	5	343	16	2	30	400	500	100	5,287	91	Newark, "		
Second Hudson City	C. Doerpenschmidt	66	21	4	12	...	133	53	...	31	35	180	73	739	24	Hudson City, "		
Lafayette	Wm. R. Durjee, (s. c.)	85	6	12	2	1	94	14	2	30	125	160	477	95	7,812	10	Jersey City, "	
West Newark	John Wensch	30	21	2	30	...	99	33	1	24	30	100	9	365	00	Newark, "		
Clinton Avenue, Newark...	Vacant	54	4	90	...	4	90	5	...	153	107	178	71	15,824	29	Newark, "		
Total		1782	145	195	183	1	46	2751	188	30	1829	273	3054	\$21,571	90	\$64,077	54	

Ministers without Charge.—Rev. G. Abeel, Newark, N. J. Rev. James M. Bruen, Irvington, N. J. L. H. Van Dyke, Bayonne, N. J.  
 \*Revised List. †To form Clinton Avenue Church.

## CLASSIS OF CAYUGA.—P. S. A.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census	COMMUNICANTS					BAP.		C. & B. C.		Sab. Schools.—Average Number of Scholars	CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS	
			On Confession		Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Com-munion	Infants	Adults	Number of Cate-chumens		Number in Biblical Instruction	Religious and Be-nevolent Purposes		Congregational Purposes
			On Confession	Rec'd												
Canastota	Vacant	88	...	...	4	...	1	60	2	...	...	...	\$35 00	\$700 00	Canastota	
Chittenango	Vacant*	75	...	...	4	...	1	70	5	...	82	150	112 58	1,259 98	Chittenango,	
Cicero	Vacant.	76	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	4	50	80	100 00	739 00	Cicero.	
Lysander	J. H. Enders (s. c.)	27	8	1	1	...	1	86	4	...	90	20	9 00	...	Lysander.	
Naumburg	Charles Becker†	27	8	1	1	...	1	72	4	...	10	12	9 00	...	Naumburg.	
New Bremen	Charles Becker	150	8	1	8	...	2	139	1	...	85	90	157 74	...	Naumburg.	
Owasco	A. P. Peeke	50	4	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1,140 00	Owasco.	
Owasco Outlet	S. S. Brown, S. S.	138	12	16	6	...	2	184	4	...	30	80	184 63	687 10	Auburn.	
Syracuse	M. L. Bergert	75	1	...	...	...	4	170	2	...	70	100	107 23	8,900 00	Syracuse.	
Thousand Isles	George Rockwell†	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	25	180	30 00	200 00	Alexandria Bay.	
Ulida	A. G. Vernielye.	38	3	5	2	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	7,500 00	...	Ulida.	
West Leyden	F. E. Schlieder.	...	...	...	...	...	8	54	10	...	9	36	21 65	250 00	West Leyden.	
Total	Total	661	30	23	26	1	15	756	31	14	159	746	\$8,259 83	\$26,901 63		

*Ministers without Charge.*—W. J. Bradford, Marathon, N. Y.; J. R. Talmage, Chittenango, N. Y.; W. A. Wurts, Missionaries to Japan.—S. R. Brown, Auburn, N. Y.; G. Y. Verbeck, Nagasaki, Japan.

\*Last Year's Report.

†Pastor elect.



## CLASSIS OF GENEVA.—P. S. A.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS						BAP.		C. & B. C.		CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS	
			On Confession	Rec'd	Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Com- munion	Infants	Adults	Number of Gate- chmens	Number in Biblical Instruction	Sab. Schools—Average Number of Scholars	Religious and Be- nevolent Purposes		Congregational Purposes
Lodi.....	I. H. Collier.....	135	5	...	4	...	6	187	2	2	75	115	200	\$366 00	\$2,498 00	Lodi
Farmer Village.....	A. A. Zabriskie.....	100	12	6	3	...	3	165	...	...	...	...	100	205 80	1,831 00	Farmer Village.
Geneva.....	Samuel J. Rogers.....	94	11	1	6	...	2	177	...	5	50	70	80	667 29	2,116 21	Geneva.
Ithaca.....	Thomas C. Strong.....	160	...	1	1	...	1	178	2	...	130	...	125	524 84	...	Ithaca.
Arcadia.....	Vacant.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Arcadia.
Tyre.....	Vacant.....	42	10	2	...	...	2	70	...	...	25	25	30	45 90	411 00	Magee's Corners.
Caroline.....	Vacant.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Magee's Corners.
Wolcott.....	Vacant.....	34	1	1	...	...	1	70	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	St. Lawrence.
Buffalo.....	Vacant.....	21	...	6	...	...	1	34	5	...	26	20	...	23 00	988 00	St. Lawrence.
Pultneyville.....	A. B. Veenhuisen.....	121	4	4	17	...	4	251	24	...	20	60	...	141 00	193 60	Buffalo, No 13 East 7th st.
Rochester.....	P. B. Babler.....	150	14	5	6	6	220	18	...	15	100	80	...	364 11	840 00	East Williamson.
Clymer.....	G. J. Renskers.....	65	7	...	1	...	1	147	7	...	60	125	...	83 00	949 59	Rochester.
Mina Corners.....	Thomas G. Watson.....	70	18	8	2	...	1	85	2	7	40	55	35	50 00	700 00	Mina Corners.
Cato.....	J. F. Shaw.....	46	4	...	1	...	1	59	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Cato.
Athens.....	J. W. Warnshuis.....	54	11	10	7	...	8	112	11	...	20	32	90	129 58	1,005 00	Athens, Pa.
Cleveland.....	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Dunkirk.....	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total.....	.....	1794	88	48	42	6	24	1598	71	15	546	610	505	\$2,906 82	\$13,967 14	Cleveland, Ohio.

Ministers without Charge.—J. Whitbeck, S. C., Ithaca, N. Y.; A. M. Mann, D.D., Farmer Village, Seneca Co., N. Y.; J. Van Arsdale, Magee's Corner; R. W. Knight, Pultneyville.

## CLASSIS OF GREENE.—P. S. A.

CHURCH	PASTORS	Census		COMMUNICANTS				BAP.		C. & B. C.		CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS				
		Number of Families	Total now in Com-munion	On Certificate	Rec'd	Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Infants	Adults	Number of Cate-chumens	Number in Biblical Instruction	Sab. Schools.—Average Number of Scholars		Religious and Re-vent Purposes	Congregational Purposes		
First Athens.....	Alan D. Campbell.....	80	.....	4	3	1	.....	5	97+	1	3	.....	15	83	\$75 55	\$2,975 81	Athens. do	
Second do.....	Supplied by*.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Catskill.
Catskill.....	F. A. Horton.....	.....	.....	21	4	6	.....	3	368	9	4	50	250	300	505 40	2,300 64	.....	Cossackie.
First Cossackie.....	S. P. M. Hastings.....	125	.....	1	6	2	.....	4	184	1	1	80	135	130	338 50	1,548 00	.....	do
Second do.....	A. F. Munn.....	120	.....	7	6	9	.....	4	205	7	1	100	100	115	518 16	2,950 00	.....	Catskill.
Kiskatom.....	W. G. E. See.....	90	.....	2	2	1	.....	7	162	2	1	.....	.....	.....	110 00	2,723 29	.....	Leeds.
Leeds.....	S. T. Searle (S. C.).....	85	.....	3	1	5	.....	4	114	7	2	30	30	100	150 60	1,000 00	.....	Moresville.
Moresville and S. Gilboa.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Pratsville.
Pratsville.....	T. S. Dashnerre.....	110	.....	1	2	.....	.....	1	74	6	1	36	15	50	241 19	1,128 00	.....	Roxbury.
Roxbury.....	J. K. Rhinehart.....	72	.....	2	.....	2	.....	2	75	.....	1	30	40	50	130 00	4,400 78	.....	.....
	Total.....	682	41	22	28	.....	.....	30	1275	33	14	326	585	828	\$2,199 40	\$19,026 52		

*Ministers without Charge.*—J. A. Lansing, D.D., Cor. Sec. Board of Publication, 103 Fulton street, New York; M. Lusk, Cossackie; E. W. Collier, Alken, S. C.; Wm. Johns, Spartansburgh, Pa. \*Revs. Hastings and Searle. †Revised list.

## CLASSIS OF HOLLAND.—P.S.C.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS						BAP.		C. & B. C.		CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS
			On Confession	On Certificate	Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Communion	Infants	Adults	Number of Communicans	Number in Biblical Instruction	Religious and Benevolent Purposes	Congregational Purposes	
Drenthe.....	Vacant.....	45	2	7	1	8	8	78	9	1	50	40	\$115 00	\$475 00	Vriesland, Ottawa Co., Mich.
Ebenezer.....	A. C. Kuyper.....	48	8	4	...	...	...	8	10	1	65	40	75 96	1,553 60	Holland, "
Fynaart.....	Vacant.....	36	12	6	...	...	...	...	9	...	56	...	85 00	134 00	"
Graafschap.....	D. Broek.....	185	10	6	2	4	...	220	35	...	160	...	813 69	1,370 00	Grand Haven Mich.
Grand Haven.....	Vacant.....	225	10	22	7	...	...	270	51	...	175	...	825 00	2,225 00	Grand Rapids, "
Grand Rapids.....	C. Vander Meulen.....	45	2	2	2	7	2	35	15	...	60	...	100 00	350 00	Grandville, "
Grandville.....	M. Klekentveld.....	110	8	9	11	2	2	205	21	...	115	...	1,112 00	1,403 00	Holland, Ottawa Co., Mich.
First Holland.....	Vacant.....	95	14	5	9	1	1	177	63	...	110	...	1,061 00	3,470 00	"
Third Holland.....	J. Vander Meulen.....	110	11	22	2	2	1	215	32	...	135	...	895 26	1,829 51	Kalamazoo, Mich.
Kalamazoo.....	A. Kriekaard.....	135	6	8	17	...	...	90	26	...	120	...	109 00	1,951 00	Muskegon, Mich.
Muskegon.....	W. A. Houbolt.....	91	11	6	2	3	1	79	18	...	96	...	143 00	1,550 00	Holland, Ottawa Co., Mich.
North Holland.....	E. C. Oggel, (s. c.).....	135	11	7	2	8	3	294	83	...	160	...	595 00	1,050 00	Overysel, Allegan Co., Mich.
Overysel.....	G. J. Nykerk.....	86	7	2	6	1	1	57	7	...	41	...	196 75	300 00	Eastmanville, Ottawa Co., Mich.
Polkton.....	Vacant.....	3	15	...	...	...	...	15	...	...	...	...	939 45	2,701 00	Saugatuck, Allegan Co., Mich.
Saugatuck.....	H. Uiterwyk.....	101	7	7	10	...	...	134	25	...	155	...	821 69	939 45	Vriesland, "
Vriesland.....	S. Bolke.....	155	15	20	8	2	5	290	70	...	190	...	700 00	2,701 00	Zeeland, "
Zeeland.....	.....	1582	122	198	105	22	27	2314	489	1	1678	40	\$1,349 35	\$22,266 86	
Total.....															

*Ministers without Charge.*—Rev. A. C. Van Raalte, D.D., Missionary of the Classes of Holland and Wisconsin for the Emigration Field, Amelia C. H., Va.;  
 Rev. Philip Phelps, D.D., Principal of Hope College; Rev. F. J. Oggel, Professor in Hope College; Rev. T. Romeyn Beck, Professor in Hope College,  
 Holland, Ottawa Co., Michigan.

# CLASSIS OF HUDSON—P. S. N. Y.

JUNE, 1869.

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CHURCHES	PASTORS	COMMUNICANTS					BAP.		C. & B. C.		CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS
		Census	Number of Families				Infants	Adults	Number of Communicants	Number in Biblical Instruction	Sab. Schools—Average Number of Scholars	Religious and Benevolent Purposes	
			On Confession	On Certificate	Dismissed	Suspended						Congregational Purposes	
Hudson.....	Rev. J. McC. Holmes.....	175	6	11	5	..	10	2	200	200	305	\$1,817 92	\$4,582 98 Hudson, Columbia co., N. Y.
First Claverack.....	F. N. Zabriskie.....	150	13	6	10	..	2	3	150	175	250	969 23	2,550 00 Claverack, " "
Second Claverack.....	N. J. Sebring.....	170	2	4	1	..	5	..	100	60	100	1,961 00	Mellenville, " "
Linlithgow.....	F. M. Kip, Jr.....	150	4	4	3	..	6	2	95	56	165	436 86	1,570 00 Livingston, " "
Greenpoint.....	J. S. Himrod.....	93	2	..	..	..	9	2	..	..	..	400 50	8,000 00 Hudson, " "
Greenbush.....	F. M. Bogardus.....	65	2	..	..	..	3	1	20	30	50	226 24	1,000 00 Pine Plains, Dutchess co., N. Y.
Germanatown.....	G. D. M. Bodine.....	58	..	1	..	..	7	..	..	30	40	215 50	600 00 Germantown, Columbia co., N. Y.
Taghkanic.....	G. A. Mills.....	50	4	..	4	..	4	..	..	100	100	130 10	750 00 Copake, " "
Upper Red Hook.....	J. G. Johnson, (S. C.).....	70	6	4	2	..	3	..	80	25	80	246 75	Upper Red Hook, Dutchess, N. Y.
Total.....	Total.....	1011	39	30	30	..	49	10	575	706	1260	\$5,542 56	\$20,713 93

Ministers without Charge.—Edwin Holmes, Hudson. D. A. Jones, Claverack. H. R. Schermerhorn, A. Mattice, Germantown, N. Y. Richard M. Whitbeck, Livingston, N. Y.

## CLASSIS OF ILLINOIS.—P. S. C.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS					BAP.		C. & B. C.		Sab. schools—Average Number of Scholars	CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS	
			On Confession		Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Com- munion	Infants	Adults	Number of Cate- chumens		Number in Biblical Instruction	Religious and Be- nevolent Purposes		Congregational Purposes
			Rec'd	On Certificate												
Fair View.....	J. S. Jorammon (s. c.)....	115	3	2	8	...	2	210	13	1	90	80	\$615 0.	\$1,200 00	Fair View, Fulton County, Ill.	
Pekin.....	U. D. Gulick.....	68	6	4	5	...	2	17	7	2	50	50	155 25	3,000 00	Pekin, Tazewell Co., "	
Spring Lake.....	C. V. Gulick.....	31	...	3	...	...	...	57	3	...	30	65	132 67	554 96	Manito, "	
Raritan.....	E. A. Bamstead.....	45	3	6	4	...	1	133	4	1	20	25	14 00	900 00	Raritan, Henderson Co., "	
Bushnell.....	E. P. Livingston.....	75	5	17	22	...	...	112	2	1	50	30	80 00	2,260 00	Bushnell, McDonough Co., "	
Davenport.....	W. H. Vroom.....	4	4	3	2	...	...	6	8	2	...	...	188 68	1,671 22	Davenport, Iowa	
Whitehall.....	M. L. Schenck.....	25	2	2	...	...	1	18	...	...	...	...	...	...	White Hall, Green Co., Il	
Second Pella.....	A. Thompson.....	32	2	8	10	...	2	56	6	...	...	30	170 06	726 65	Pella, Marion Co., Iowa.	
Havana.....	H. E. Decker (s. s.)....	15	...	1	...	...	...	9	...	...	125	100	1,218 61	367 00	Pella, Marion Co., Iowa.	
First Pella.....	E. Winter.....	213	23	5	48	1	6	265	56	...	80	20	100 25	2,029 43	Pella, Marion Co., Iowa.	
Bethel.....	P. De Pree.....	10	5	2	4	...	...	1	41	22	...	30	694 73	635 00	" "	
Leyden Centre.....	H. H. Johnston.....	40	7	...	6	...	...	31	3	1	...	45	60 00	...	Jefferson, Cook Co., Ill.	
Third Pella.....	Vacant.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Pella, Marion Co., Iowa.	
Total.....	Total.....	759	59	53	109	1	15	1118	119	8	395	445	\$2,890 48	\$4,038 90		

*Ministries without Charge*.—Rev. A. D. Wilson, Fairview, Fulton Co. Ill.; Rev. J. F. Morris, Bushnell, McDonough Co., Ill.; Rev. C. D. Eltinge, Oquawka, Ill.;  
Rev. A. Lloyd, New York City; Rev. N. D. Williamson, Chicago, Ill.; Rev. A. G. Lansing, Missionary, Pella, Iowa; Rev. W. E. Dogardus, Missionary, Norris, Ill.



## CLASSIS OF KINGSTON-P. S. A.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	COMMUNICANTS						BAP.	C. & B. C.		CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS	
		Number of Families		Census	Total now in Com- munion	Infants	Adults		Number of Cate- chumens	Number in Biblical Instruction	Sab. Schools.—Average Number of Scholars	Religious and Be- nevolent Purposes		Congregational Purposes
		On Confession	On Certificate											
Bloomington.	Aug. Blauvelt.	56	10	1	3	81	6	1	150	75	\$230 71	.....	Creek Locks.	
The Grove.	N. H. Van Arsdale.	200	10	2	2	139	10	2	48	234	\$2,299 99	.....	High Falls.	
Dashville Falls.	Vacant.	75	7	3	3	88	2	2	18	182	43 34	.....	Rifton Glen.	
Gulford	Richard DeWitt.	88	8	4	3	122	7	2	25	125	239 65	.....	Tutbill.	
Hurley	J. F. Harris	60	3	4	4	103	6	1	50	65	321 61	.....	do.	
North Ch. Marbletown.	do.	70	5	2	7	89	6	1	40	80	901 85	.....	do.	
Second Ch. of Kingston.	Chas. H. Stitt.	140	19	11	9	295	12	5	45	145	1,124 03	.....	Kingston.	
Marbletown.	Wm. W. Brush.	170	27	4	3	15	276	20	14	100	20	.....	Stone Ridge.	
New Falls.	Philip Pel'z (s. c.)	281	18	5	6	2	301	19	5	132	181	.....	New Paltz.	
Rochester.	Selah W. Strong	110	15	3	8	1	142	17	1	75	150	.....	Accord.	
Rosendale.	M. F. Liebenau, S. S.	60	37	2	1	2	81	4	17	20	93 40	.....	Rosendale.	
Sansomville	Paul T. Deyo.	40	11	1	1	3	42	3	7	20	12 25	.....	Sansomville	
St. Remy	Vacant.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Total	Total	1335	162	39	48	1	3315	115	62	637	577	\$3,993 03	\$ 4,464 25	

Minister, without Charge.—Rev. James R. Lent, Emeritus, Washingtonville, Orange Co., N. Y.

## NORTH CLASSIS OF LONG ISLAND.—P. S. N. Y.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS					BAP.	C. & B. C.		CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS				
			On Confession	Rec'd On Certificate	Dismissed	Suspended	Died		Total now in Com- munion	Infants	Adults	Number of Cate- chumens		Number in Biblical Instruction	Sab. Schools—Average Number of Scholars	Religious and Be- nevolent Purposes	Congregational Purposes
Jamaica.....	J. B. Alliger .....	150	5	4	1	..	2	330	7	1	140	150	300	\$473 76	\$2,795 67	Jamaica, Long Island.	
Newtown.....	C. I. Shepley .....	114	9	1	3	..	1	166	14	1	160	220	191	282 98	4 138 50	Newtown, "	
Oyster Bay.....	John H. Smock .....	122	2	4	..	..	1	112	1	1	..	120	..	50	71 96	1,250 00	Greenvale, "
North Hempstead.....	Ira C. Boice .....	70	1	..	2	..	2	72	2	2	..	..	400	..	..	..	Manhasset, "
Williamsburgh.....	E. S. Porter .....	800	4	24	1	1	2	402	5	2	..	..	500	565 00	..	..	Williamsburgh, "
Astoria.....	W. H. Ten Eyck, (S. C.) .....	61	9	1	2	1	1	95	11	1	47	21	86	977 45	2,650 45	Astoria, "	
Greenpoint.....	A. McKelvey .....	170	21	25	20	1	4	316	14	4	420	250	288	661 37	3,959 36	Greenpoint, "	
Flushing.....	E. S. Fairchild .....	78	8	8	1	..	10	95	11	1	90	125	94	173 92	2,135 21	Flushing, "	
South Bushwick.....	Vacant .....	70	7	8	9	..	1	10	13	1	40	90	160	418 00	8,997 93	Brooklyn, E. D., "	
Lee Avenue.....	J. Halsted Carroll .....	160	8	16	14	..	2	330	8	7	200	500	700	488 17	8,011 83	Williamsburgh, "	
East Williamsburgh.....	Vacant .....	30	..	..	2	..	..	25	..	..	20	44	68	180 00	400 00	Maspeth, "	
Queens.....	James Wyckoff .....	63	1	10	2	..	3	80	7	..	100	100	12	111 91	..	Queens, "	
Second Newtown.....	C. D. F. Steinfuhrer .....	25	..	..	..	..	1	35	4	..	..	..	..	..	200 00	Astoria, "	
Second Astoria.....	C. D. F. Steinfuhrer .....	50	20	..	10	..	3	90	27	..	20	25	70	20 00	900 00	Astoria, "	
Ger. Evan Brooklyn, E. D.....	J. M. Wagner .....	200	79	8	2	..	3	236	107	1	150	210	257	175 47	1,143 92	Williamsburgh, "	
Sayville.....	L. G. Jongeneel .....	35	2	1	..	2	..	41	5	..	10	..	80	18 50	435 14	Sayville, "	
Total .....	Total .....	1698	176	105	69	..	34	2637	221	19	1397	1856	2745	\$4,713 49	\$35,252 24		

*Minist'ers without Charge*.—E. R. Alwater, 103 Fulton street, New York. A. C. Hilman, 26 Wilson street, Brooklyn, E. D. P. S. Williamson, San Francisco, Cal. Jefferson Wynkoop, Cuba, N. Y.

*Candidates*.—Lewis G. Bingham, New York City. W. W. Hicks, Charleston, S. C.

## SOUTH CLASSIS OF LONG ISLAND.—P. S. N. Y.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS					B.A.P.	C. & B. C.		CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS		
			On Confession	Rec'd	Dismissed	Suspended	Died		Total now in Com- munion	Infants	Adults	Number of Cate- chumens		Number in Biblical Instruction	Sab. Schools—Average Number of Scholars
Brooklyn	Joseph Kimball	207	10	25	10	1	3	867	4	8	200	25	\$10,080	\$9,253	Brooklyn, New York.
Flatbush	C. L. Wells	135	2	4	2	1	5	213	9	1	150	130	5,424	81	Flatbush, "
New Utrecht	D. S. Surphen	90	6	8	1	1	5	204	16	1	100	12	1,543	02	New Utrecht, "
Gravesend	Manice G. Hansen, (s.c.)	113	4	1	1	1	2	147	11	1	90	109	751	28	Gravesend, "
Flatlands	Cornelius Brett	100	6	1	1	1	4	179	11	1	150	110	825	00	Flatlands, "
New Lots	John M. Van Buren	70	1	1	1	1	1	91	21	16	40	3	770	51	" " " "
East New York	C. R. Blauvelt	75	9	5	2	1	2	104	6	1	150	30	573	82	" " " "
South Brooklyn	John H. Manning	54	1	1	1	1	8	63	2	2	50	60	2,061	82	" " " "
Middle Brooklyn	Nicholas E. Smith	290	13	16	18	1	8	681	23	2	350	400	1,071	53	Brooklyn, "
North Gowanus	N. P. Pierce	110	6	20	6	1	4	204	8	2	97	100	2,715	69	" " " "
North Brooklyn	Wm T. Bayard	305	20	35	15	1	2	523	11	3	345	370	1,811	60	" " " "
Church on the Heights	Z. Eddy	215	24	21	18	1	9	502	27	6	125	400	1,352	68	" " " "
New Brooklyn	H. C. Heyser	37	25	1	1	1	3	180	53	1	15	24	13,351	60	" " " "
East Brooklyn	S. F. Farmer	65	6	10	9	1	3	14	3	3	34	45	62	00	" " " "
													210	00	New Brooklyn "
															Brooklyn, "
	Total.	1859	133	146	87	1	51	3637	200	20	1399	2175	\$3,158	\$9	

44 *Ministers without Charge*—Rev. J. M. Ferris, D.D., Sec'y Board of Foreign Missions, 103 Fulton street, N. Y.; Rev. Jacob West, Sec'y Board of Domestic Missions, 103 Fulton street, N. Y.; Rev. Daniel Rapalye, Missionary to China; Rev. Julius Hones, Brooklyn, N. Y.

## CLASSIS OF MICHIGAN—P. S. C.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS					BAP.		C. & B. C.		CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS			
			On Confession	Rec'd On Certificate	Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Com- munion	Infants	Adults	Number of Cate- chumens	Number in Biblical Instruction	Sab. Schools—Average Number of Scholars		Religious and Be- nevolent Purposes		Congregational Purposes
Battle Creek .....	I. Collier .....	39	1	6	4	...	...	60	7	50	100	70	\$91 50	\$850 00	Battle Creek, Michigan.		
Centreville .....	A. H. Van Vranken .....	90	11	11	8	...	2	188	5	30	25	100	75 80	6,500 00	Centreville, "		
Constantine .....	J. W. Beardslee (S. C.) .....	65	21	5	2	...	2	107	2	9	100	190	102 12	1,150 70	Constantine, "		
Grand Rapids .....	C. Vander Veen .....	30	...	1	1	...	1	40	3	...	20	60	184 14	575 00	Grand Rapids, "		
Hope .....	A. T. Stewart .....	47	12	4	3	...	1	81	4	8	110	170	188 89	1,100 00	Holland, "		
Macon .....	.....	20	...	...	1	...	2	27	...	...	20	40	90 00	50 00	Tecumseh, "		
Porter .....	J. W. Beardslee, S. S. ....	25	3	...	...	...	...	23	...	1	...	...	12 25	82 25	Constantine, "		
South Bend .....	W. J. Skillman .....	34	...	...	...	...	1	39	3	33	57	33	97 00	199 00	South Bend, Indiana.		
South Macon .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Tecumseh, Michigan.		
	Total .....	350	48	38	14	1	8	515	24	197	432	723	\$301 70	\$10,545 95			

Minister without Charge.—J. G. Tarbell, Alamo, Mich.

## CLASSIS OF MONMOUTH.—P. S. N. Y.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	COMMUNICANTS					B. A. P.		C. & B. C.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS		
		Census		Number of Families			Infants	Adults	Number of Catechumens	Number in Biblical Instruction	Religious and Benevolent Purposes	Congregational Purposes				
		On Confession	Rec'd	Dismissed	Suspended	Died							Total now in Communion			
First Freehold .....	George Swain.....	100	16	2	8	...	4	65	1	6	60	170	\$370 09	\$ 311 23	Marlboro."	
Second Freehold .....	Gulick Van Aken .....	14	13	10	7	...	2	232	8	3	100	75	521 00	3,560 00	Freehold.	
Holmdel .....	William Kelley .....	95	8	6	6	132	...	6	7	5	...	175	666 51	1,400 00	Holmdel.	
Spotswood .....	Ralph Willis.....	35	1	1	...	...	2	87	...	...	...	125	...	1,500 00	Spotswood.	
Middletown .....	George Seibert.....	52	6	1	1	...	1	68	6	4	45	40	85	1,100 00	Middletown.	
Keyport .....	Vacant.....	41	1	1	...	...	...	...	3	...	20	15	27	94 85	...	
Long Branch .....	James B. Wilson.....	62	14	6	...	...	106	9	5	30	45	70	153 65	3,205 94	Long Branch.	
Colt's Neck.....	James Bolton, (s. c.)....	68	5	3	3	...	2	120	4	3	43	58	66	37 60	1,150 00	Colt's Neck.
	Total... ..	600	64	27	20	...	17	975	38	26	298	718	\$1,932 75	\$13,745 67		

Ministers without Charge.—Rev. G. C. Schenck, Marlboro; Rev. Samuel Lockwood, Keyport.





## CLASSIS OF NEW BRUNSWICK.—P. S. N. Y.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	COMMUNICANTS						BAP.		C. & B. C.		CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS		
		Census		Number of Families				Infants	Adults	Number of Gate-chumens	Number in Biblical Instruction	Sab. Schools.—Average Number of Scholars	Religious and Benevolent Purposes		Congregational Purposes	
		On Confession	Rec'd	Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Communion									
First New Brunswick.....	R. H. Steele.....	260	18	23	15	...	7	442	12	5	100	\$2,473 00	\$5,470 00	New Brunswick, N. J.		
Six Mile Run.....	J. C. Sears.....	153	4	5	7	...	2	291	4	1	40	1,661 00	1,350 00	"		
Hillsborough.....	E. T. Corwin, (s. c.)....	150	8	7	10	...	8	230	3	4	30	750 00	1,200 00	"		
Middlebush.....	S. Seale.....	82	2	13	6	...	1	136	3	...	60	712 00	7-2 10	Middlebush, "		
Griggstown.....	C. D. Harranft.....	65	6	3	6	...	2	119	9	...	30	430 00	1,615 00	Griggstown, "		
Second New Brunswick.....	J. C. Dutcher*.....	160	19	25	20	...	8	292	6	4	130	2,787 00	4,609 00	New Brunswick, "		
Bound Brook.....	.....	81	...	...	...	...	...	132	...	...	50	...	...	Bound Brook, "		
Third ew Brunswick.....	W. H. Phraner.....	76	5	10	5	...	5	128	5	1	92	423 00	1,961 00	New Brunswick, "		
East Millstone.....	N. J. M. Bogert.....	66	6	8	3	...	2	115	5	1	60	518 00	1,651 00	Millstone, "		
Metuchen.....	.....	1033	63	94	72	...	35	1388	47	16	562	\$9,769 00	\$18,638 00	Metuchen, "		
Total.....	Total.....															

*Ministers without Charge.*—John Manley, Peter J. Quick, Wm. H. Campbell, President of Rutgers College; Prof. Jacob Cooper, and Prof. T. S. Doolittle, at New Brunswick, N. J. Wm. H. Steele, Newark, N. J. J. Howard Van Doren, Greggstown, N. J. H. W. Brandt, Missionary in South Africa. J. L. See, Secretary Board of Education, 103 Fulton Street, New York City.

*Candidates.*—H. R. Lott, and Prof. T. DeWitt Reiley, New Brunswick, N. J.

\*Pastor-Elect.



# SOUTH CLASSIS OF NEW YORK.—P. S. N. Y.

JUNE, 1869.

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CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS					BAP.		C. & B. C.		Sab. Schools.—Averages Number of Scholars	CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS
			On Confession	Rec'd	Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Com- munion	Infants	Adults	Number of Com- municans	Number in Biblical Instruction	Religious and Be- nevolent Purposes	Congregational Purposes	
Brighton Heights.....	Vacant.....		8	5	2	3	3	222	4	2	...	240	\$718 73	\$4,98 28	Tompkinsville, S. I.
Market Street .....	Vacant.....		13	5	13	8	8	461	8	1	145	145	3,214 00	7,421 00	New York City
Washington Square.....	M. S. Hutton.....	130	60	3	3	1	90	15	15	15	25	14	300 00	1,410 00	"
Manhattan.....	Ebenezer Wiggins.....	60	8	3	3	1	225	46	2	2	35	20	300 00	1,052 00	"
Bushwick.....	S. H. Meeker. (s.c.).....	65	141	6	10	9	87	5	5	124	22	110	550 40	1,500 84	Williamsburg, Long Island.
Union Reformed, 6th Ave.....	Isaac S. Hartley.....	141	40	4	3	...	498	99	99	...	112	90	669 46	3,865 97	New York City
German Reformed.....	H. A. Freidel.....	198	78	27	31	16	1086	177	7	431	171	1245	\$5,512 59	\$20,628 07	"
	Total.....	594													

Ministers without Charge.—Rev. Dr. Mathews, New York City; Rev. J. M. Macauley; Rev. J. B. Steele, Salem, N. Y.; Rev. H. R. Timlow.  
Candidates.—Isaac W. Warner, Williamsburg, Long Island.

## CLASSIS OF ORANGE-P. S. A.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	COMMUNICANTS										BAP.	C. & B. C.		CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS
		Census		Number of Families						Adults	Number of Communicants		Number in Biblical Instruction	Sub. Schools—Average	Religious and Benevolent Purposes	Congregational Purposes	
		On Confession	Rec'd	Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Communion	Infants	Number of Catechumens								
Berea.....	J. B. Ten Eyck.....	55	5	4	11	3	1	51	1	44	15	\$184 50	\$1,125 57	Walden.			
Bloomington.....	J. H. Frazee.....	90	4	4	11	1	2	141	8	75	25	78 45	1,640 00	Bloomington.			
Collicoon.....	Vacant.....	38	...	...	...	...	3	94	21	18	50	...	550 00	Collicoon.			
Cuddebackville.....	J. L. Zahriske.....	56	4	4	...	...	1	36	3	...	...	...	1,166 88	Cuddebackville.			
Deer Park.....	S. W. Mills.....	140	3	4	14	...	4	210	9	60	...	...	19,610 00	Port Jervis.			
Ellenville.....	E. W. Bentley (s. c.).....	150	4	6	11	...	4	25	6	40	...	...	3,461 00	Ellenville.			
Falsburgh.....	W. S. Brown.....	117	5	2	...	...	3	9	6	...	...	...	1,187 00	Woodbourne.			
Grahamville.....	W. E. Turner.....	50	3	2	...	...	1	91	1	...	...	...	425 00	Grahamville.			
Manakating.....	J. H. Frazee, S. S.....	70	3	2	...	...	1	6	...	40	20	...	...	Wurtsboro.			
Middletown.....	Jno. Du Bois.....	70	9	1	2	...	1	07	11	...	...	...	1 250 06	Kerkonksen.			
Milesville.....	Vacant.....	...	4	...	...	...	5	50	...	...	...	...	...	Fremont Centre.			
Ministink.....	W. S. Moore.....	40	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	45	3	4 55	1,442 11	Montague, N. J.			
Montgomery.....	A. B. Van Zandt.....	175	20	3	1	...	4	312	10	14	150	\$1,463 00	1,367 11	Montgomery.			
Newburgh.....	G. H. Mandeville.....	175	8	13	19	...	6	297	24	125	150	608 88	5,925 63	Newburgh.			
New Hurley.....	L. L. Comfort.....	120	33	2	8	...	1	199	12	18	75	264 88	1,000 00	New Hurley.			
New Prospect*.....	G. W. Conitt.....	135	5	3	6	...	3	153	14	...	...	40 00	2,129 00	Ulsterville.			
Shawangunk.....	Cyril Spaulding.....	175	6	5	6	...	4	211	18	2	75	256 61	2,525 87	Bruynswick.			
Upper Neverlank.....	W. E. Turner, S. S.....	25	2	...	...	...	3	185	6	10	...	75 00	225 00	Claryville.			
Walden.....	M. V. Schoonmaker.....	10	1	9	8	...	3	13	...	...	...	73 00	1,100 00	Walden.			
Walpack (Upper).....	G. S. Garretson.....	61	5	1	...	...	4	75	6	...	110	75 00	620 00	Dinzman's Ferry, Pa.			
Walpack (Lower).....	A. McWilliam.....	10	7	2	1	...	1	179	5	...	60	170 00	860 00	Bushkill.			
Wawarsing.....	Vacant.....	102	9	...	9	1	2	181	1	40	91	94 08	857 35	Napanoch.			
Total.....	Total.....	2048	177	57	104	2	54	3057	166	65	1020	\$6 999 33	\$48,179 26				

Ministers without Charge—N. W. Jones, New York city; Charles Scott, Holland, Michigan; Henry Morris, Binghamton, New York; John Boyd, Newburgh, N. Y.; John A. Staats, Goshen, N. Y.; John Boelrer, Damascus, Pa.; Robert Pitts, Stroudsburg, Pa.; M. Swick, Farmer Village, N. Y. \*Last Report.



# CLASSIS OF PARAMUS.—P. S. N. Y.

JUNE, 1869.

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CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS					BAP.		C. & B. C.		CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS		
			On Confession	Rec'd On Certificate	Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Com- munion	Infants	Adults	Number of Cate- chumens	Number in Biblical Instruction	Sab. Schools—Average		Religious and Be- nevolent Purposes	Congregational Purposes
Clarkstown...	Benjamin C. Lippincott..	100	12	8	4	...	2	175	4	7	100	60	150	\$525 19	\$1,352 52	Nyack Turnpike, N. Y.
Tappan...	George M. Blauvelt.	130	29	6	2	...	4	165	15	6	100	200	150	236 90	2,300 00	Tappanstown, "
Acquacknonk ...	J. Paschal Strong, (s. c.).	200	11	1	88	1	4	298	22	...	100	...	300	1,2 0 00	2,5 0 00	Passaic, N. J.
Second Totowa ...	John H. Duryea	135	3	9	5	...	3	250	18	...	80	...	160	904 88	1,036 00	Paterson, "
Paramus .....	Isaac S. Demund	175	2	2	1	...	4	166	1	...	50	25	110	506 00	1,036 00	Hobokus, "
Pascack .....	Benjamin A. Bartholf.	70	10	6	2	1	3	83	5	4	30	...	77	87 08	66 44	Pa-cack, "
Saddle River .....	Abm. F. Myers	86	6	...	2	...	2	125	10	...	12	15	50	133 43	759 00	Monsey, N. Y.
Ranapo .....	Wm. Demarest.	50	2	...	4	...	...	49	7	...	12	...	150	76 00	...	Suffern, "
West Hempstead .....	G. J. Van Neste	89	1	...	...	...	...	53	4	...	40	30	75	340 15	1,321 53	Monsey, "
Warwick .....	F. H. Vanderveer.	85	10	1	...	...	3	114	...	...	89	75	75	241 76	2,571 95	Warwick, "
Nyack .....	Uriah Marvin.	...	...	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,847 00	Piermont, "
Piermont .....	Augustus F. Todd	54	9	12	...	...	2	69	8	1	140	12	65	836 00	...	Paterson, N. J.
Broadway, Paterson.	William W. Holloway	94	3	12	8	...	2	117	4	...	00	10	200	...	1,115 78	Paterson, "
First Holland, Paterson	James Hays-son	9	...	9	1	...	...	105	20	...	13	28	30	...	1,946 07	Paterson, "
Second Holland, Paterson	A. K. Kasse	140	25	15	6	...	3	225	29	1	50	60	125	56 00	3,600 00	Spring Valley, N. Y.
Spring Valley .....	Vacant	80	3	3	...	...	...	91	3	...	...	...	...	186 00	...	Spring Valley, N. Y.
Holland Lodi .....	Vacant	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
North Passaic .....	Vacant	31	...	...	...	...	...	89	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Passaic, N. J.
Total .....		1474	115	94	76	4	38	2229	145	20	727	597	1707	\$4,809 50	\$23,595 59	

45 *Ministers without Charge.*—Rev. Isaac D. Cole, Spring Valley, N. Y. Rev. John T. Demarest, Nyack Turnpike, N. Y. Rev. A. H. Bechthold, Boston Highlands, Mass.  
*Candidate*—G. Haasebarth, Nyack, N. Y.

\*84 to form North Church of Passaic.



# CLASSIS OF PHILADELPHIA.—P. S. N. Y.

JUNE, 1869.

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CHURCHES	PASTORS	COMMUNICANTS						BAP.	C. & B. C.			Sub. Schools—Average Number of Scholars	CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS	
		Census		Number of Families					Infants	Adults	Number of Cate- chumens		Number in Biblical Instruction	Religious and Be- nevolent Purposes		Congregational Purposes
		On Confession	Rec'd On Certificate	Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Com- munion									
Harlingen	John Gardner	160	17	5	13			8	244	13	6	250	\$475 25	\$1,700 00	Harlingen, New Jersey.	
Readington	J. Van Liew	180	13	2	7			3	285	13	8	250	601 64	1,418 26	Readington, "	
Ne Shanic	G. Ludlow	160	5	7				1	260	8	2	200	500 00	1,200 00	Ne Shanic, "	
First Church Philadelphia.	Vacant	170		8	16			6	285	8		250	50 00	17 00 00	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.	
Second Church "	Vacant	283	16	8	4			4	497			625	8,055 00	7,000 00	"	
Third Church "	Vacant	95		10				3	131	2		83	1,087 00	5,820 00	"	
N and South Hampton	W. H. De Hart	112	19		8			5	212	4	12	12	263 90	2,911 91	Richboro, "	
Blawenburgh	C. W. Fritz	115	2	2	5	1		2	205	6	1	100	648 85	2,146 63	Blawenburgh, New Jersey.	
Stanton	H Doolittle	70	4	2	7			4	205	5		50	72 40		Stanton, "	
Marayunk	Vacant															
Rocky Hill	O. Gesner (s. c.)	90	6	5	6			1	119	14	1	20	294 82	1,272 34	Rocky Hill, "	
Fifth Philadelphia	O. Meerwein	137	38					2	206	31	1	25	100 73	1,849 31	829 Otis street, Philadelphia.	
Clover Hill	W. B. Voorhees	75	2	8	2			3	80	6	1	90	120 00	2,500 00	Clover Hill, N. J.	
Addisville	J. L. Armerman	85	6	7	9			2	144	7	5	83	846 70	2,358 58	Richboro, Pa.	
Bethlehem Mission	P. S. Talmage	23	9	9	7				35	4		130			1,341 Franklin st., Phila.	
Total	Total	1735	183	88	94	1	39	2848	116	32	393	568	\$8,895 79	\$16,327 04		

Ministers without Charge.—Rev. J. V. Talmage, Missionary, Amoy, China. Rev. C. Collins, Jr., Philadelphia, Pa.; Rev. G. E. Gramm, Philadelphia, Pa.

## CLASSIS OF POUGHKEEPSIE.—P. S. N. Y.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census	Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS						BAP.		C. & E. C.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS	
				On Confession	On Certificate	Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Com- munion	Infants	Adults	Number of Cate- chumens	Number in Biblical Instruction	Sub. Schools—Average Number of Scholars	Religious and Be- nevolent Purposes			Congregational Purposes
First Poughkeepsie.....	A. P. Van Cieson.....	190	4	9	12	...	...	...	5	404	9	1	190	...	261	\$1,561 65	...	Poughkeepsie, New York.
Second Poughkeepsie.....	C. S. Hageman. (s. c.)...	125	2	8	14	...	...	...	2	214	6	1	75	100	125	3,703 51	8,112 45	"
Fishkill.....	F. M. Kip.....	135	4	2	2	...	...	...	6	...	5	2	...	27	50	586 19	...	"
Hopewell.....	O. E. Cobb.....	180	8	8	6	...	...	...	4	287	13	7	50	40	110	713 30	...	"
New Hackensack.....	H. Ward.....	115	10	11	10	...	...	...	6	129	6	7	50	60	175	416 67	1,487 00	Adriance,
Rhinebeck.....	G. Talmage.....	145	2	12	1	...	...	...	7	299	4	2	82	82	152	1,091 50	3,191 46	New Hackensack,
Fishkill-on-Hudson.....	Vacant.....	90	4	7	16	...	...	...	1	169	5	3	...	...	232	1,417 73	...	Rhinebeck,
Hyde Park.....	H. Dater.....	80	7	4	6	...	...	...	2	148	4	...	50	40	60	184 17	...	Fishkill-on-Hudson,
Glenham.....	A. N. Wyckoff.....	50	4	1	8	...	...	...	2	63	4	1	...	...	35	207 00	...	Hyde Park,
Cold Spring.....	H. N. Cobb.....	56	13	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	7	11	40	...	143	5,688 45	1 900 00	Glenham,
Mill Brook.....	Total.....	931	58	57	75	...	...	...	85	1743	63	29	537	349	1273	\$15,123 37	\$9,690 94	Cold Spring, Washington Hollow,

*Ministers without Charge.*—Rev. H. Vedder, Greenbush. Rev. S. Van Vechten, Fishkill. Rev. William A. Cornell, Poughkeepsie. Rev. C. D. Rice, Poughkeepsie. Rev. Harrison Heermance, Rhinebeck. Rev. C. R. V. Romondt, Washington, D. C.  
Rev. C. Van Cleef, Poughkeepsie.

## CLASSIS OF RARITAN.—P. S. N. Y.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census	COMMUNICANTS						BAP.		C. & B. C.		CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS		
			On Confession	Rec'd On Certificate	Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Communion	Infants	Adults	Number of Catechumens	Number in Biblical Instruction	Sub. Schools—Average	Religious and Benevolent Purposes		Congregational Purposes	
First Raritan.....	Abraham Messier.....	20	5	5	5	5	3	388	11	1	75	50	270	872 11	1,325 00	Somerville, New Jersey.	
Bedminster.....	Charles H. Pool.....	220	13	2	6	1	1	233	7	5	1	13	80	104 00	1,000 00	Puckamin, "	
Lebanon.....	Vacant.....	139	1	...	...	4	...	4	190	10	1	...	18	50	660 54	1,405 1	Lebanon, "
Rockaway.....	William Bailey.....	190	10	4	8	...	...	8	188	3	5	...	20	100	660 54	1,081 59	White House, "
North Branch.....	P. M. Goodtitle.....	22	4	3	8	...	...	1	158	12	2	75	20	100	844 51	1,971 00	North Branch, "
Second Raritan.....	F. Mesick, (s. c.).....	150	13	16	15	2	2	7	8.3	16	3	60	25	2	175 00	2,000 00	omerville, "
Peapack.....	H. P. Thompson.....	110	10	5	2	...	...	2	151	10	2	75	60	195	4 5 50	2,000 00	Peapack, "
Branchville.....	William Pitcher.....	100	21	5	6	...	...	2	151	10	2	105	130	200	850 64	2,000 00	South Branch, "
Third Raritan.....	James LeFevre.....	112	6	15	20	...	...	1	78	4	1	60	20	50	789 00	2,000 00	Raritan, "
Easton.....	C. H. Edgar.....	152	11	5	1	1	1	101	5	...	...	...	...	...	210 0	Easton, Pennsylvania.	
Warren.....	Vacant.....	85	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	19	20	50	24 30	210 0	Warrenville, New Jersey.	
Plainfield.....	Vacant.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Central Plainfield.....	J. Simonson.....	69	7	10	2	...	...	1	90	4	2	8	35	75	196 30	1,210 00	Plainfield, "
Pottersville.....	T. W. Jones.....	58	6	2	3	...	...	...	83	7	2	...	...	60	134 0	1,893 00	Pottersville, "
High Bridge.....	P. Van Amburgh, P. E.....	70	1	12	4	...	...	...	42	1	1	...	...	65	50 00	2,415 00	High Bridge, "
Clinton Station.....	J. A. Van Doren, S. S.....	36	4	...	...	...	...	1	35	...	...	...	...	...	40 00	4,560 12	Clinton Station, "
		1469	113	54	85	4	4	25	242	121	28	477	353	1605	\$5,265 90	\$21,665 72	

*Ministers without Charge.*—Rev. Wm. Brush, Somerville, N. J. Rev. Wm. Cornell, Somerville, N. J. Rev. John Van Derveer, Easton, Pa.  
 Rev. James A. H. Cornell, New Baltimore, N. Y. Rev. Cornelius Wyckoff, New Brunswick, N. J.



## CLASSIS OF RENSSELAER-P. S. A.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	COMMUNICANTS						BAP.		C. & B. C.		CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS				
		Census	Number of Families	On Confession		Rec'd	Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Com-munion	Infants	Adults	Number of Cate-chumens		Number in Biblical Instruction	Sub. Schools.—Average Number of Scholars	Religious and Be-nevolent Purposes	Congregational Purposes
Blooming Grove	W Ingalls	70	7	8	...	...	...	...	65	2	3	...	40	61	\$76 92	\$55 00	Defreeville, N. Y.	
Castleton	E. L. Heermance	125	6	10	...	...	...	...	175	4	2	...	...	125	257 80	1,317 77	Castleton.	
Chatham	C. S. Vead	135	8	3	...	...	...	...	153	3	2	...	30	130	328 00	1,452 00	Chatham Four Corners.	
First Ghent	J. B. Dury	48	...	2	...	...	...	...	65	1	...	...	30	50	77 80	845 00	Ghent.	
Second Ghent	E. N. Sebring	115	...	...	...	...	...	...	135	2	...	18	80	80	190 00	1,200 00	Hudson.	
Greenbush	Wm. Anderson	164	15	3	...	...	...	...	164	4	4	40	125	155	244 00	3,576 58	East Greenbush.	
Kind-rhook	E. A. Colter	200	12	6	...	...	...	...	325	2	4	75	16	20	1,501 47	21,649 69	Kind-rhook.	
Nassau	A. H. Brush	141	2	8	...	...	...	...	289	4	1	...	40	130	450 50	1,764 78	Nassau.	
New Concord	J. H. Bevier, S. S.	40	...	7	...	...	...	...	54	...	...	15	17	32	103 19	596 00	East Chatham.	
Schodack	Vacant	100	...	...	...	...	...	...	*119	...	...	...	...	55	...	...	Schodack Landing.	
Schodack Landing	L. L. Kip	70	9	5	...	...	...	...	63	5	5	...	...	65	220 00	2,500 00	Schodack Landing.	
Stuyvesant	E. Nevus (s. c.)	130	4	...	...	...	...	...	84	2	...	...	...	70	421 62	4,319 11	Stuyvesant.	
Stuyvesant Falls	R. Wells	47	5	2	3	...	...	...	5	...	1	25	20	45	31 00	700 00	Stuyvesant Falls.	
Total	Total	1375	67	48	27	...	23	1744	29	25	173	492	1197	\$83,931 80	\$40,901 93			

Ministers without Charge.—B. F. Snyder, Creek Locks, Ulster Co., N. Y. \*Last Year's Report.

CLASSIS OF SARATOGA-P. S. A.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census	Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS					BAP.		C. & E. C.		Sab. Schools.—Average Number of Scholars	CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS	
				Rec'd	On Confession	Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Communion	Infants	Adults	Number of Catechumens		Number in Biblical Instruction	Religious and Benevolent Purposes		Congregational Purposes
West Troy	O. H. Gregory	112	2	1	5	—	1	271	2	—	—	4	10	\$503 06	\$2 000 00	West Troy.	
South West Troy	J. S. Wyckoff	95	2	4	9	3	2	151	11	—	—	—	190	171 28	2,000 00	do	
Wynantskill	J. S. L. Tomb	53	4	2	—	1	—	81	—	3	—	20	45	87 00	920 00	Wynantskill.	
Boht	H. A. Raymond	44	—	—	—	—	2	56	—	3	—	10	35	84 44	500 00	Cohoes.	
Rensselaer	do	20	—	—	—	—	1	16	—	—	—	—	—	2 69	250 00	do	
Waterford	Vacant*	35	—	—	—	—	—	7	290	8	4	—	—	—	—	Waterford.	
Cohoes	C. N. Waldron, (s. c.)	150	17	6	4	7	3	94	—	—	—	50	220	1,058 23	3,005 58	Cohoes.	
Union Village	Alex. H. Hoyt	60	1	2	7	—	7	159	2	—	—	10	19	210 19	1,100 00	Gre-nwich.	
Saratoga	Vacant	115	—	—	10	—	—	—	—	—	—	45	49	160 00	915 00	Schenyerville.	
Buskirk	P. Furbeck	50	—	1	—	—	1	75	1	2	—	40	50	100 00	1,000 00	Buskirk's Bridge.	
Easton	A. G. Cochran	35	2	—	—	—	—	48	1	—	—	45	5	40 00	300 00	Easton.	
Schaghticoke	Geo. White	45	10	3	—	—	1	70	1	6	—	25	65	178 00	1,012 00	Schaghticoke.	
Northumberland	C. D. Kellogg	88	10	2	3	4	4	73	3	6	—	33	50	524 00	2,046 00	Bacon Hill.	
Gausevoort	Vacant*	46	—	—	—	—	—	29	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	Gausevoort.	
Fort Miller	Vacant	(3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	Fort Miller.	
Jackson	Vacant*	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Total	Total	1011	48	21	33	4	22	1480	32	21	40	331	879	\$3,121 91	\$15,048 58	—	

Ministers without Charge.—O. Van Santvoord, Chicago; John Smith; T. A. Gardner, Orient, N. Y.; J. Markle, Gausevoort. \*Last Report. †Supplied by C. D. Kellogg.

## CLASSIS OF SCHENECTADY—P. S. A.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS					BAP.		C. & B. C.		Sab. Schools—Average Number of Scholars	CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS
			Rec'd On Confession	On Certificate	Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Com- munion	Infants	Adults	Number of Cate- chumens	Number in Biblical Instruction	Religious and Re- volutionary Purposes	Congregational Purposes	
First Church Schenectady.	Benis Worman.....	310	24	14	5	...	6	*440	11	9	75	330	\$1,251 00	\$3 450 00	Schenectady.
Second do.	Anson Du Bois.....	70	4	4	4	...	3	113	3	...	...	30	67 50	4,800 00	do
Third do.	J. Minor.....	150	7	7	4	...	1	224	5	5	80	75	238 04	950 00	Glenville
First Church Rotterdam.	F. F. Wilson.....	80	8	1	...	...	2	100	6	3	...	...	175	1,000 00	do
Second do.	J. C. Lowe.....	131	1	1	...	...	5	106	3	...	...	50	84 10	975 00	Strotia.
First Church Rotterdam.	Vacant.....	175	2	3	...	...	5	295	5	...	...	50	60 00	900 00	Van Vechten.
Second do.	W. P. Davis.....	175	6	2	2	...	3	107	3	2	70	70	200 00	4 000 00	Schenectady.
Heiderberg.	J. A. De Baun.....	100	6	2	3	...	3	155	3	1	90	90	130 00	1,700 00	Guiderland Centre.
Niskayuna.	do.....	85	1	2	3	...	3	133	3	15	12	30	147 00	6 000 00	Niskayuna.
Lisha's Kill.	W. W. Leeson.....	93	4	4	2	...	4	145	4	...	60	60	203 00	890 00	do
Amity.	D. B. Hall, S. S.....	70	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	150 00	500 00	Vischer's Ferry.
Princetown.	Vacant.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Dumsville.
Day.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Day.
Total.	Total.....	1346	94	34	23	...	31	1974	51	35	337	785	\$2 606 41	\$25,165 00	

Ministers without Charge.—Rev. A. J. Swits, Schenectady; Rev. W. F. Schwilk, *Suspended*, Schenectady; Rev. R. L. Schoonmaker, Chaplain Sing Sing Prison.  
\*Corrected Report.

## CLASSIS OF SCHOHARIE.—P. S. A.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	COMMUNICANTS						BAPT.		C. & B. C.		CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS					
		Census		Number of Families	On Confession	On Certificate	Rec'd	Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Com-munion	Infants	Adults		Number of Cate-chumens	Number in Biblical Instruction	Sub. Schools.—Average Number of Scholars	CONTRIBUTIONS	
		Religious and Be-nevolent Purposes	Congregational Purposes																
Schoharie	S. H. Cobb	108	5	1	3	...	4	121	5	3	17	24	80	\$234 30	\$1,391 38	Schoharie.			
Middleburgh	J. S. Lott	79	...	1	...	...	2	133	4	...	...	...	...	281 87	668 64	Middleburgh.			
Gallupville	E. Vedder	73	11	3	2	...	2	131	6	4	20	125	120	1,25 84	1,027 38	Gallupville.			
Bern	E. Miller	60	5	2	...	...	2	159	...	2	50	30	60	221 43	445 00	Bern.			
Beaver Dam	do	54	1	...	2	...	...	76	4	...	25	20	50	43 06	280 00	do			
Lawyerville	J. H. Van Woert	65	1	...	...	...	9	60	...	1	40	40	60	50 00	460 00	Lawyerville.			
Sharon	do	60	11	2	...	...	4	92	2	2	...	30	80	40 00	1,055 98	do			
Gilboa	*Vacant	95	4	...	...	...	...	146	10	2	50	20	60	35 00	800 00	Gilboa.			
North Blenheim	do	30	...	...	...	...	...	32	...	...	...	...	...	4 90	...	North Blenheim.			
Breakabin	do	25	...	...	...	...	...	27	...	...	...	...	...	6 35	...	do			
Schoharie Mountain	do	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6 25	...	do			
Cobleskill	do	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	East Cobleskill.			
Emmence	do	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		
Total		69	38	8	7	...	23	897	21	14	202	289	510	\$1,051 47	\$6,128 38				
		4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...			

Ministers without Charge.—Rev. T. L. Shafer, Bern, Albany Co., N. Y.; Rev. J. M. Scribner, Middleburgh, Schoharie Co., N. Y. \*Last Year's Report.

## CLASSIS OF ULSTER.—P. S. A.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	COMMUNICANTS										BAP.		C. & B. C.		CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS
		Number of Families		Census	On Confession	Rec'd	Dismissed	Suspended	Total now in Com-munion	Infants	Adults	Number of Com-munions	Number in Biblical Instruction	Sab. Schools.—Average Number of Scholars	Religious and Be-nevolent Purposes	Congregational Purposes		
Blue Mountain.....	Wm. D. Buckelew.....	80	70	3	1	7	3	2	140	9	9	.....	.....	70	\$75 20	\$600 00	Sangeries.	
Caataban.....	N. F. Chapman.....	70	3	1	.....	3	3	3	154	9	.....	.....	.....	40	151 00	964 00	Sangeries.	
Esopus.....	J. N. Voorhes.....	100	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7	203	16	3	70	40	126	86 50	1,000 00	Uster Park
Flatbush.....	Wm. B. Merritt.....	111	9	9	6	1	4	382	4	8	200	60	180	252 48	1,408 09	Glasco.		
Kingston.....	D. N. Van Derveer.....	204	9	3	6	1	1	1	425	9	.....	140	108	108	1,300 00	3,300 00	Kingston.	
North Esopus.....	A. M. Arcularius.....	83	3	1	.....	1	4	6	298	20	1	.....	35	120	303 46	1,199 30	Port Ewen.	
Vacant.....	.....	148	37	8	1	.....	.....	8	236	6	1	50	75	160	76 52	2,370 69	Glasco.	
Plattekill.....	Jno. Gaston (s. c).....	130	13	8	5	.....	.....	3	117	2	15	50	18	70	2,488 62	3,087 40	Sangeries.	
Sangeries.....	Jno. W. Hammond.....	72	29	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	75 00	1,000 00	Shokan.	
Shokan.....	do.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Shandaken.....	Vacant*.....	58	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	118	1	3	10	10	10	.....	.....	West Hurley.	
West Hurley.....	D. B. Wyckoff.....	60	14	6	9	1	3	86	9	4	.....	.....	.....	70	114 38	970 94	Woodstock.	
Woodstock.....	Wm. A. Shaw.....	28	1	6	2	.....	.....	8	45	.....	1	.....	35	100	.....	.....	.....	
Willwick.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Total.....	Total.....	1144	145	48	44	44	6	35	1954	88	30	290	475	1224	\$5,013 16	\$15,895 82	.....	

Ministers without Charge.—Rev. Henry Ostrander, D.D., Sangeries; Rev. John C. F. Hoes, D.D., Kingston; W. L. James, Kingston. Rev. John A. Davis, Auoy, China.

\*Rev. Cornelius Blauvelt, Pastor elect. Wesley Taylor, Suspended.



# CLASSIS OF WESTCHESTER.—P. S. N. Y.

JUNE, 1869.

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CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS					BAP.		C. & B. C.		CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS			
			On Confession	On Certificate	Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Com- munion	Infants	Adults	Number of Gate- chumens	Number in Biblical Instruction	Sab. Schools.—Average Number of Scholars		CONTRIBUTIONS		
															Religious and Be- nevolent Purposes	Congregational Purposes	
Bronxville.....	Washington Roosevelt...	36	4	2	...	...	...	66	2	...	...	...	40	\$250 00	\$1 200 00	Pelham, New York.	
*Cortlandtown.....	Vacant.....	75	...	3	...	...	...	56	...	...	...	...	...	116 00	4,200 00	Verplanck's Point, New York.	
Fordham.....	J. Henry Bertholf.....	29	2	...	...	...	4	30	5	1	30	30	35	40	96 39	"	
Greenburg.....	John H. Picher.....	29	2	...	...	...	1	2	2	1	15	11	30	79 45	1,018 94	Neperan, "	
Greenville.....	Thomas R. G. Peck.....	16	...	4	...	...	...	2	67	2	...	210	200	2,116 33	5,168 00	Scarsdale, "	
Hastings.....	John Meuri.....	100	7	5	1	1	1	117	5	2	...	21	222	125 00	1,000 00	Hastings-upon-Hudson, N. Y.	
Melrose.....	Mancius H. Hutton.....	53	43	8	...	...	...	2	149	6	...	145	100	91	517 45	1,000 00	Morrisania, New York.
Mount Vernon.....	Ch. D. Buck, (s. c.).....	80	3	12	5	2	3	120	4	...	145	100	91	517 45	2,037 35	Mount Vernon, "	
Peckskill.....	John B. Thompson.....	100	6	6	2	2	2	91	7	2	156	136	103	256 10	2,738 67	Peckskill, "	
Tarrytown, First.....	John A. Todd.....	100	1	1	7	1	2	203	6	2	150	190	120	1,115 97	2,706 15	Tarrytown, "	
Tarrytown, Second.....	J. Henry Bertholf.....	100	4	16	4	5	...	9	2-21	4	1	100	122	2,921 95	4,573 49	Tarrytown, "	
Unionville.....	Exert Van Slyke.....	41	8	...	...	...	...	2	65	...	...	...	60	150 00	884 30	Neperan, "	
West Farms.....	Victor M. Hulbert.....	67	...	...	1	1	1	169	6	...	90	90	95	175 00	2,511 19	West Farms, "	
White Plains.....	David Cole.....	64	6	8	...	...	...	75	7	3	20	30	50	1,448 12	5,805 49	White Plains, "	
Yonkers.....	Total.....	121	17	15	6	...	...	4	187	21	4	237	167	129	11,543 78	Yonkers,	
		924	112	72	46	5	33	1,641	76	22	848	1,165	1240	\$8,259 76	\$45,809 36		

Ministers without Charge.—Rev. Jacob Fehrman, 618 Lexington Avenue, New York City; Rev. Polhemus Van Wyck, Hudson, New York.  
Candidates.—Alexander Watson, City Agent New York Bible Society, Sing Sing, N. Y.; Wm. H. Anderson, Verplanck's Point, N. Y.

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## CLASSIS OF WISCONSIN.—P. S. C.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	COMMUNICANTS						B. A. P.		C. & B. C.		CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS	
		Census	Number of Families	Total now in Com-				Infants	Adults	Number of Cate- chumens	Number in Biblical Instruction	Sab. Schools—Average Number of Scholars	CONTRIBUTIONS		
				On Confession	Rec'd	Dismissed	Suspended						Died		Religious and Be- nevolent Purposes
Alto.....	J. H. Karsten*	91		4	5	7	2	4	182	12	160	...	...	\$618 00	Waupun, Wis.
Bethlehem.....	Vacant.....	+15							30	32	...	...	...	...	Bethlehem, Milwaukee Co., Wis.
First Chicago.....	B. De Bey.....	185		35	5	3	2	2	170	65	144	...	150	...	Chicago, Ill.
Second Chicago.....	James Demarest	50		4	2	1	...	1	56	6	50	70	90	302 28	Chicago, Ill.
Eden.....	Vacant.....	+40							1	23	...	...	...	...	...
Franklin.....	Vacant.....	25		8	4	6	...	1	54	6	32	...	...	165 00	Empire, Wis.
Forreston.....	J. B. De Beer.....	36		18	4	4	...	2	56	58	20	60	...	165 00	Franklin, Milwaukee Co., Wis.
Fulton.....	Vacant.....	53						8	32	7	...	...	...	600 00	Forreston, Ill.
Gibbsville.....	J. W. Dunnewold	55		11	7	3	...	1	107	14	135	...	...	169 00	Fulton, Ill.
Holland.....	H. Stobelaar.....	70		10	5	1	3	154	27	190	...	...	...	261 00	Gibbsville, Sheboygan Co., Wis.
High Prairie.....	P. Lepeltak.....	89		1	10	11	5	...	181	17	94	...	...	1,318 00	Cedar Grove, Cook Co., Ill.
Low Prairie.....	A. Zwemer (s. c.)	71		...	...	8	2	1	127	19	90	...	...	658 00	Calumet, Cook Co., Ill.
Milwaukee.....	J. Van Der Meulen	62		6	1	4	1	2	119	14	65	25	150	324 08	Thornton, Ill.
North Creek.....	Vacant.....	11		...	...	...	...	...	10	7	15	...	...	9 43	492 Tenth st., Milwaukee, Wis.
Oostburg.....	Vacant.....	41		7	1	5	1	2	92	8	70	...	...	239 16	Lansing, Ill.
Sheboygan Falls.....	Vacant.....	+10							23	...	...	...	...	947 89	Cedar Grove, Sheb'yg n Co., Wis.
Silver Creek.....	J. Muller.....	118		8	2	3	...	1	101	32	80	...	...	692 00	Sheboygan Falls, Wisconsin.
Yorktown.....	Vacant.....	...		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,900 00	Freeport, Ill.
Total.....		952		107	49	54	15	28	1464	292	1216	230	490	\$5,710 31	Forrestville, Filmore Co., Minn.
														\$24 423 11	

Ministers without Charge.—Rev. Charles Wilson, Missionary, Two Rivers, Wis.; Rev. K. Vander Schuur, Sheboygan Falls, Wis.; Rev. H. G. Klyn, Chicago, Ill.

\* Pastors elect.  
† Last year's Report supplied.

# SUMMARY VIEW OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN AMERICA FOR THE YEAR 1869.

JUNE, 1869.

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CLASSES.	Churches	Ministers	Candidates	Number of Families	On Con- fession	By Certifi- cate	Now in Com- munion	B.A.P.		No. of Cat- echu- mens	No. in Piblical Instruction	Total No. of S. S. Scholars	CONTRIBUTIONS.		STATED CLERKS.
								Infants	Adults				Religious and Bene- volent Purposes	Congrega- tional Purposes	
Classis of Albany.....	17	17	2	1427	292	65	2357	107	82	994	1242	2108	\$14,775 85	\$37,456 77	Rev. Jeremiah Searle.
Classis of Arcot.....	14	16	2	489	30	46	584	81	70	408	636	1869	.....	.....	Jared W. Scudder.
Classis of Bergen.....	12	16	9	971	80	99	1120	101	24	976	636	1869	2,951 40	83,376 00	George H. Fisher.
South Classis of Bergen.....	15	17	2	1782	145	105	2751	188	34	1828	2273	3084	21,571 90	64,077 00	Wm. Rankin Duryee.
Classis of Cayuga.....	12	18	1	661	30	193	756	31	14	189	304	446	8,257 83	26,911 08	J. Henry Enders
Classis of Geneva.....	17	15	1	1794	88	48	1598	71	15	546	610	505	2,906 82	13,907 41	John Whitbeck.
Classis of Greene.....	10	12	1	682	41	22	1275	33	14	336	585	828	2,198 40	19,026 52	Samuel T. Searle.
Classis of Holland.....	17	15	1	1582	122	198	2314	439	1	1678	40	823	7,349 35	22,266 86	E. C. Oggel
Classis of Hudson.....	9	14	1	1011	89	30	1189	49	10	575	706	1260	5,542 00	20,713 00	John G. Johnson.
Classis of Illinois.....	13	19	1	759	59	53	1118	119	8	385	445	1535	2,891 43	14,038 99	J. S. Jorlmon.
Classis of Kingston.....	13	11	1	1335	162	39	1810	115	62	687	597	1517	3,909 03	21,404 25	Philip Peltz.
North Classis of Long Island.....	16	19	1	1698	176	105	2637	221	19	1397	1856	2745	4,713 49	31,242 00	W. H. Ten Eyck.
South Classis of Long Island.....	14	18	1	1859	133	141	3637	200	20	1499	2178	3084	36,188 30	68,675 00	Maurice G. Hansen.
Classis of Michigan.....	9	7	1	350	48	38	515	24	18	197	482	723	801 70	10,545 95	J. W. Beardslee.
Classis of Monmouth.....	8	9	1	600	64	27	975	38	26	298	993	718	1,932 75	13,745 67	James Bolton.
Classis of Montgomery.....	23	13	1	7-9	30	18	773	29	11	130	150	535	1,298 26	14,833 20	Benjamin Van Zandt.
Classis of New Brunswick.....	10	17	2	1033	68	94	1833	47	16	562	555	1268	9,769 00	14,683 00	E. T. Corwin.
Classis of New York.....	19	31	1	2240	229	186	4490	153	17	1570	1095	4929	50,031 38	50,615 00	D. McL. Quackenbush.
South Classis of New York.....	7	9	1	594	178	27	1685	177	7	431	171	1245	5,512 59	20,628 00	S. H. Meeker.
Classis of Orange.....	22	24	1	2084	177	97	3057	166	65	834	1,297	2259	6,090 33	48,179 26	E. W. Bentley.
Classis of Pararus.....	18	18	1	1474	115	94	2223	145	20	727	591	1107	4,869 50	33,505 59	J. Paschal Strong.
Classis of Passaic.....	13	15	1	1082	70	71	1503	132	9	387	252	882	2,467 00	14,516 25	John Steele.
Classis of Philadelphia.....	13	14	1	1751	133	58	2548	116	32	398	68	2060	8,365 79	46,327 04	Osar Gesner.
Classis of Poughkeepsie.....	11	16	1	981	58	37	1743	63	29	337	349	1273	15,123 37	9,691 94	Charles S. Hageman.
Classis of Raritan.....	16	18	1	1469	113	84	2420	121	28	477	353	1605	5,265 90	21,665 72	John F. Mack.
Classis of Rensselaer.....	13	13	1	1375	67	43	1744	39	21	173	492	1197	3,931 80	4,191 93	Elbert Nevius
Classis of Saratoga.....	16	14	1	1011	48	21	1480	32	21	40	331	879	8,121 91	15,048 58	Charles N. Waldron.
Classis of Schoenectady.....	13	12	1	1346	94	38	1974	51	35	387	785	1700	2,606 44	25,165 00	Anson DuBois.
Classis of Schuylkill.....	13	7	1	649	38	8	977	21	14	202	289	510	1,051 47	6,138 38	Edwin Vander.
Classis of Ulster.....	13	15	2	1114	134	48	1954	88	30	200	475	1224	5,013 16	15,895 32	John Gaston.
Classis of Westchester.....	15	15	1	924	112	72	1641	76	22	843	1065	124	8,289 76	45,809 36	Charles D. Buck.
Classis of Wisconsin.....	18	13	1	932	1-7	49	1461	292	3	1216	230	490	5,710 31	24,423 11	A. Zwemer.
	451	474	10	37706	3190	2040	53796	3555	797	21738	21003	47244	\$235,536 27	\$846,627 18	

## ARTICLE VII.

## SYNODICAL REFERENCES.

The Committee on Synodical Minutes presented the following report, which was accepted and adopted :

Your Committee on Synodical Minutes would respectfully report that they have examined the Minutes of the General Synod of last year, as well as those of the Particular Synods of New York, Albany, and Chicago of this year.

The Committee find no business item in either of the Particular Synods which needs the attention of the General Synod. We beg leave, however, to suggest that more attention be paid in future to the mechanical part of these Minutes; that the stated clerks be advised to procure better paper, employ newer type, and secure a more accurate proof reader, as these documents are the histories of our Church.

The unfinished business of the last General Synod, which is in reference to Hope College, will be found in the minutes of the Committee on the Professorate, entered on pages 480, 481, 482, 483, 484, of the Acts and Proceedings of the Sixty-second General Synod of the Reformed Church. The closing sentence under article 9, on page 68, of the Minutes of the Synod of Chicago, in regard to appointment of members of the Board of Superintendents, the committee are informed was printed by mistake.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH SCUDDER,

*Chairman of the Committee.*

The Committee on Overtures presented the following report, which was accepted and adopted, with the exception of the part referring to Freemasonry, which was referred to a special committee consisting of the Committee on Overtures, and Rev. John Forsyth, and Rev. Philip Phelps, Jr.

*Report of the Committee on Overtures.*—The Committee on Overtures beg leave to report that there have been placed in their hands the following papers, which have received careful consideration :

1. An application from the Classis of New York on behalf of William L. Johnson, for a dispensation that he may be examined for licensure. Mr. Johnson is a colored man, a member of the South Reformed Church of New York, and a graduate of Lincoln University,



Oxford, Penn., where he has been a diligent student for four years, having pursued a full collegiate and theological course, and from which Institution he graduates with high honors.

His pastor, the Rev. Dr. Rogers, testifies to his irreproachable character, and the Faculty of the University give him a high reputation for scholarship. He wishes to devote himself to laboring among the Freedmen of the South, and has spent several months of his last vacation in successful labors in North Carolina.

Your committee recommend that the application be granted.

2. A communication from the North Classis of Long Island stating that that Classis has examined Mr. William Ferris, in the presence of a Deputatus, and according to the requirements of the Constitution, with the exception of an examination in the Hebrew language, of which he has no knowledge. The Classis is fully satisfied of the piety, qualifications, and gifts of the candidate, but inasmuch as he lacks an acquaintance with the Hebrew, which is required by the Constitution, the Synod is asked to consent to his licensure.

If the Classis had asked for a dispensation with a view to the examination of Mr. Ferris, we would have felt no hesitation in commending the application to the favorable consideration of Synod. But it has anticipated the Synod's action, and proceeded without the authority of law or precedent. The Constitution requires that a candidate for licensure shall appear before Classis with a professional certificate. There is no substitute for this except a special dispensation from General Synod. The Classis has assumed the prerogatives of Synod, and now asks that its irregular action be sanctioned. Your committee feel that the candidate, for whom they entertain the highest respect, should not be made to suffer for the fault of the Classis, nor should the action of Classis be allowed to pass into a precedent. They therefore recommend the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That Mr. William Ferris be allowed a dispensation from the study of the Hebrew language, and that he be authorized to apply to the North Classis of Long Island for an examination with a view to his being licensed to preach the Gospel.

3. A communication from the South Classis of Long Island in reference to the following resolution of General Synod, adopted in 1868, and found on page 461 of the Minutes:

*Resolved*, That the several Classes be directed to require of each consistory to incorporate in their annual statistical reports a detailed account of all collections taken during the year for the several Boards of the Church, and that the same be included in the Classical Report on the State of Religion, and transmitted to the Particular Synod.

The Classis asks that this resolution be reconsidered, inasmuch as the information thus sought is already furnished annually in Article 22 of the Proceedings of General Synod.



Your committee recommend as follows :

*Resolved*, That this request be complied with, and that said resolution be and hereby is rescinded.

4. An overture from the Classis of New Brunswick in the following words, viz.:

*“Resolved*, That the General Synod be requested to consider the propriety of its holding stock in incorporated companies which systematically violate the Sabbath day.”

Your committee are not aware that the Synod holds any such stock. The Classis should have accompanied its request with definite statements. It may refer to railroad companies that run unnecessary trains on the Lord's day. Against this growing evil it is proper that the Synod should protest as earnestly as the Classis has done ; but in the absence of definite information as to the relations of the Synod to such corporations, your committee can only express the conviction that those Christian gentlemen who have control of the investment of the Synod's funds will act in their official capacity for the Board of Corporation with the same conscientious regard for the divine law of the Sabbath as if they were acting for themselves, under a sense of personal responsibility.

All which is respectfully submitted,

PAUL D. VAN CLEEF, *Chairman*.

## ARTICLE VIII.

### SYNODICAL APPEALS.

Nothing occurred.

## ARTICLE IX.

### CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

The Committee on the Revision of the Digest presented the following report, which was accepted and adopted :

The Committee appointed by General Synod to revise and complete the Digest of the Laws of General Synod, respectfully report as follows :

By the terms of our appointment we were directed to present in a convenient form the legislative action of Synod as it now stands. To prevent undue size and needless expense, if it shall please Synod to have it printed as a manual of reference for its own members and the members of subordinate bodies, we have eliminated from the former Digest what was merely historical, and legislative enactments which have been superseded. Such a manual as that published by Synod in 1848 was of great use, but has already placed on sufficiently convenient record a valuable compend of the early history of the Church. From expressions of brethren, so far as we have had opportunity to consult them, the present need of the Church which Synod proposes to supply is a brief compend of existing laws for our ecclesiastical action, so compact that it would be easily referred to, and that brethren in attending our various ecclesiastical bodies would take with them for reference. Questions pertaining to the past history of the Church, and action needing an examination of it, are almost without exception referred to committees to study them during the intervals of meetings. Our former Digest, already embodied in the Minutes of Synod, is a sufficient guide, and sufficiently accessible to all who need to use them. The Chairman of our Committee is empowered to state verbally to Synod the changes proposed in the arrangement of the new Digest.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN L. SEE,  
W. H. PHRANER,  
THOS. C. STRONG. } *Committee.*

It was resolved that the revised Digest be ordered to be printed under the superintendence of the same committee, and that the thanks of the Synod be given to the committee for their extended and efficient labors.

The Committee to secure legislative action on the change of the name of the Church reported that the legislation desired had been granted by an act of which they presented a certified copy as follows:

#### CHAPTER 197.

AN ACT TO CHANGE THE CORPORATE TITLE OF THE GENERAL SYNOD OF THE REFORMED PROTESTANT DUTCH CHURCH TO THAT OF THE GENERAL SYNOD OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN AMERICA.—PASSED APRIL 15, 1869.

*The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:*

SECTION 1. The ecclesiastical body hitherto incorporated and known as the General Synod of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church shall hereafter be designated and known by the corporate title of the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America, and as such exercise and enjoy all the rights and powers it has hitherto possessed, but this act shall not affect any contract, suit, or proceeding, claim or demand now existing against said corporation.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

State of New York, Office of the Secretary of State, ss.:

I have compared the preceding with the original law on file in this office, and do hereby certify that the same is a correct transcript therefrom, and of the whole of said original law.

Given under my hand and seal of office, at the City of Albany, this twelfth day of May, in the year one thousand eight hundred and sixty-nine.

[SEAL]

D. WILLERS, JR.,

*Deputy Secretary of State.*

The Committee on the Reorganization of the Particular Synods presented their report, which was accepted, amended, and adopted:

The Committee appointed at the last session of the General Synod to devise a plan for the reorganization of the Particular Synods, beg leave respectfully to present the following report:

The history of the Particular Synods of the Reformed Church in America dates back to the year 1794. Previous to that period there had been but two kinds of ecclesiastical assemblies in the Church aside from the Consistory, viz.: the Classis, and the Synod, or, as they were originally designated, the Particular and General Bodies. For many years each of these were annually convened. But in the year 1794 the sessions of the General Synod were made triennial and in the same year a Particular Synod was organized with a view to supplement the lack of the Church arising from the sessions of the General Synod being held only once in three years. In the year 1800, however, the growth of the Church seemed to demand an increase of its ecclesiastical judicatories, and accordingly the number of Classes was increased from five to nine, and that of the Particular Synods from one to two. The functions of these latter bodies were from this period, and especially from the year 1812, when the sessions of the General Synod were again held annually, substantially the same as at the present time.

As early, however, as 1839, a feeling of dissatisfaction began to be experienced by the Church in reference to the constitution and office of the Particular Synods. And in June of that year certain resolutions were presented in the General Synod relative to the organi-

zation of the Particular Synods; but after considerable discussion they were indefinitely postponed. In 1848 the Committee appointed the previous year upon the State of the Church, in presenting their report to Synod, devoted no inconsiderable amount of attention to the subject of the Particular Synods, and suggested a plan for their reorganization which in many of its provisions was peculiarly wise and happy. This plan was referred to a special committee by whom it was more thoroughly matured. And having been subsequently adopted by the General Synod, it was sent down to the Classes for their approval or rejection. The Synod of the following year, however, received reports on this subject from but twelve of the Classes, and as six were in favor of the proposed change, and six against it, the Synod, at the instance of the Committee to whom the reports were referred, resolved that "any change as to the number or manner of constituting the Particular Synods would be inexpedient for the present." In 1854 a resolution was adopted by the General Synod that "the following question be sent down to the Classes, viz.: Shall the Particular Synods be made conventional instead of being, as now, delegated bodies? And if not conventional, shall the delegation be increased? And that their answers be transmitted to the next General Synod." The following year replies were received to these questions from sixteen of the twenty four Classes, and referred to a special committee, who after reviewing the nature of the responses given, reported that "from the replies it would appear that there is a general uneasiness and dissatisfaction with reference to the sessions of the Particular Synods; a feeling that something should be done to give greater interest and efficacy to these judicatories. But in view of the answers that have been returned your Committee would recommend the following resolution:

*"Resolved,* That it be declared inexpedient to make any change at the present time, in the manner of constituting the Particular Synods."

In the General Synod of 1868, the question of the reorganization of the Particular Synods was again raised, and your present Committee appointed to report thereon.

From this rapid review of the history of the Particular Synods, and the action of the General Synod respecting them, it is manifest that the Church is by no means satisfied with their present constitution and functions, and that some radical change is necessary to enable them to meet the demands of our denomination at the present time.

In undertaking, however, the discharge of the duty assigned them, your Committee have been confronted at the outset with the question "whether the Particular Synods subserve any useful purpose in the Church, and whether the best method of accomplishing their reorganization would not be to abolish them?" There are not a few in our communion who incline to the belief that they are alto-



gether valueless. And so general is the disgust occasioned by their present inefficiency, that this number is rapidly increasing. Your Committee, however, after carefully considering the matter, have become fully convinced that the Particular Synods are even now an important feature of our ecclesiastical polity; and that with certain modifications they may be made to subserve a far more efficient purpose in connection with our denominational life and growth. As at present constituted, they perform certain clerical duties in regard to nominations, statistics, &c., which tend greatly to the relief of the General Synod. In like manner they constitute a barrier, not always insuperable, but oftentimes efficient, against the introduction of local and inferior matters upon the floor of the higher judicatory. And so, too, they exert an influence greater, perhaps, than is commonly realized in the direction of union and harmony of sympathy and co-operation between the different Classes of which they are composed. While thus, however, the Particular Synods are by no means useless bodies now, your Committee are fully persuaded that they may be made far more influential for good than they have ever yet been. There seems to be a sphere intermediate between the Classis and the General Synod, which neither of these bodies can, appropriately or successfully occupy, a sphere in which important interests are lodged, and in which the Particular Synods can find scope for extended and vigorous and useful effort. This being the case, it is manifestly the duty of the Church to occupy this sphere. And hence your Committee are unanimously of the opinion that the Particular Synods ought to be retained as an integral part of our ecclesiastical system.

Accepting this conclusion, however, the question which next recurs, respects the changes requisite to be made in order to bring these bodies up to an important and influential position among the judicatories of the Church. The satisfactory solution of this question is conditioned upon the views entertained respecting the distinctive province of the Particular Synods. As already intimated, your Committee are of the opinion that there are certain departments of our Church work which can be done more appropriately and efficiently by these bodies, than by either the Classis or the General Synod. Aside from the functions they already perform of confirming nominations, of collecting statistics, of apportioning assessments, and of supervising the examination of candidates, there are certain more peculiarly spiritual duties which properly devolve upon them.

In the judgment of your Committee it is clearly within the province of the Particular Synods to exert a specially hallowing influence not only upon the Churches in which they convene, but also upon all the Churches within their bounds. To them the annual reports of the several Classes are sent, and before them come, properly in review, the spiritual condition and prospects of every Church within their limits. It seems eminently fitting, therefore, that the



Particular Synods should be charged with special duties and responsibilities in reference to the spiritual welfare of their several congregations, and that, accepting the trust, they should devise some efficient methods for properly fulfilling it.

Your Committee are also impressed with the conviction that there are certain duties connected with Church extension and Benevolence which the Particular Synods can better discharge than either of the other judicatories. Of necessity the General Synod cannot attend to the minute details of these important departments of our Church work, while in numerous instances the Classis, through either indifference or inability, fails to fulfil its mission in this regard. Confessedly it is within the province and the power of the Particular Synods, if properly constituted and centralized, to give a fresh impetus to the growth of our Church in numerical strength, in spiritual efficiency, and in christian beneficence.

Your Committee, furthermore, are of the opinion that the Particular Synods ought, for a certain class of causes, to be Courts of final appeal. As at present constituted, they review the proceedings of the lower judicatories, and render a decision upon the matter at issue—only to have an appeal taken in the majority of cases to the General Synod. There seems to be an eminent propriety in allowing, in all cases of Process and Trial, two appeals. But in the judgment of your Committee there is an equal propriety in allowing but two. While in all cases originating in the Classis, it is but just that the privilege of appeal should be granted; first, to the Particular Synod, and then to the General Synod, in all cases originating in the Consistory, it seems equally just that the opportunity of appeal should be restricted to; first, the Classis, and then the Particular Synod. By adopting a provision like this, the right of appeal would not be infringed, nor the principles of justice invaded, while on the other hand the General Synod would be relieved of many comparatively unimportant questions of adjudication, and the dignity and importance of the Particular Synods would be increased.

Entertaining these views respecting the peculiar duties and prerogatives of the Particular Synods, your Committee have endeavored to draft a plan for their reorganization, which shall enable them, in connection with the work they already perform, to accomplish their mission in the directions indicated in this report. The plan involves several distinctive features, but each of them your Committee regard as sustained by influential considerations.

First of all, then, it seems eminently desirable that the Particular Synods should have their geographical limits so adjusted as that on the one hand the influence of the Synod may be distinctly felt by all the Churches within its bounds, and on the other hand the several Churches of the Synod may experience the pulsations of a common sympathy. These bodies as at present constituted, with territories stretching, in the case of the Particular Synod of New York, from Philadelphia to Hudson, and in that of the Particular Synod

of Albany, from Newburg to Rochester, are powerless to influence in the desirable directions already suggested, the remote Churches of which they are composed. But little can be done to promote the spiritual welfare of individual organizations, and but little to achieve success in the matter of Church extension. Of necessity, therefore, greater centralization must be secured to the Particular Synods, and that, too, as your Committee think, by abridging their territorial limits. It seems, also, exceedingly important that these judicatories of the Church should reap all the advantages to be derived from a delegation of numerical force. It is true that not always in a multitude of counsellors is there wisdom. At the same time, however, there is a certain prestige and power communicated to an ecclesiastical judicatory by a goodly array of influential members, not to say anything of the increased interest imparted to the transactions of the body by reason of the many who participate in the same. Your Committee, therefore, have felt that the number of those composing the Particular Synod should be enlarged, and have seriously discussed the question whether this end would be best attained by making the Synods conventional, or by increasing the number of delegates from each Classis. To the former of these methods there are very grave objections. The conventional system seems illy to accord with the genius of our Presbyterian form of Church government, which is republican rather than democratic, and especially is there an incongruity in having a convention charged with the exercise of judicial functions. It is to be feared, also, that this system would suggest such a division of responsibility as that but a comparatively few would attend the sessions of the Particular Synods. Besides, there are many Ministers and Elders connected with remote and feeble Churches, who now attend the meetings of these judicatories because, as delegates, their expenses are paid, but who would be wholly deprived of this privilege if the bodies were made conventional. For these reasons your Committee incline to the belief that the membership of the Particular Synods can be best enlarged by an increase in the number of Classical delegates.

If, however, these ecclesiastical assemblies, when convened, are to accomplish the full measure of their legitimate work, it seems indispensably necessary that their sessions should be rendered more interesting, and especially more devotional. The meetings of the Particular Synods have, for many years past, been burlesques upon ecclesiastical judicatories, and even Christian convocations. Delegates, both clerical and lay, have attended these bodies, seemingly with the idea of a speedy return home uppermost in their minds. The business of the session has been hurriedly transacted. With the exception of the Synodical sermon, no devotional services have been performed, and assembling at ten o'clock, A. M., the Synod has adjourned at five o'clock, P. M., with its duties improperly discharged, and, what is far worse, with no favorable impression of

ministerial consecration or Christian spirituality left upon the minds and hearts of the people, in whose sanctuary the sessions were held. Your Committee feel that the meetings of the Particular Synods should assume an entirely different character from that they have hitherto possessed, and that such changes should forthwith be effected as will render them worthy of the Church with which they are connected, and the Saviour in whose interests they are convened.

The theory of our ecclesiastical polity, however, by no means contemplates the restriction of the influence or efforts of the Particular Synods to the sessions which are annually held. So far from this, these bodies are charged with sacred duties and responsibilities extending throughout the year. Your Committee, therefore, are fully impressed with the belief that some method should be devised to enable the Synods to fulfil their mission in these important directions. The promotion of spirituality and activity among the Classes, and their respective congregations; the culture and development of systematic beneficence among the masses of our people; the extension of our denominational influence and interests in the organization of new churches, and other kindred forms of Christian effort, afford the fullest scope for the legitimate working of the Particular Synods. And if by committees or otherwise this work could be undertaken and performed, new life would be given to the Particular Synods themselves, and fresh vigor and inspiration would be communicated to the Church we love and serve.

In view of these considerations, your Committee in closing their report would respectfully offer the following resolutions, viz :

1. *Resolved*, That this Synod deems it desirable to organize a new Particular Synod, and that the Classes of Bergen, South Bergen, Monmouth, New Brunswick, Paramus, Passaic, Philadelphia, and Raritan, be and hereby are dismissed from the Particular Synod of New York, to constitute a new Particular Synod.

2. *Resolved*, That the Classes of Bergen, South Bergen, Monmouth, New Brunswick, Paramus, Passaic, Philadelphia and Raritan, be and hereby are instructed to appoint delegates at their next fall sessions, in conformity with the provisions of the Constitution, to meet in the First Reformed Church of New Brunswick, N. J., on the first Monday of November next, at 10 o'clock, A. M., and proceed to organize a new Particular Synod, to be called the Particular Synod of New Brunswick.

3. *Resolved*, That the Revs. Goyn Talmage, J. Elmendorf, and Gabriel Ludlow, be a Committee on the part of this Synod, to attend the above-mentioned meeting, and assist in the organization of the contemplated Particular Synod.

4. *Resolved*, That the Classes of Kingston and Orange be and hereby are transferred from the Particular Synod of Albany, to the Particular Synod of New York.

5. *Resolved*, (If a majority of the Classes concur), That every Particular Synod shall hereafter consist of a delegation of four Ministers and four Elders from each of the Classes within its bounds.

6. *Resolved*, That it be enjoined upon the Particular Synods to transact their business with due deliberation, and to hold such devotional services during their sessions as may conduce to the spiritual improvement of their members, and the several Churches in which they assemble; and that to compass this desirable result, it is earnestly recommended by this Synod, that the Particular Synods hereafter convene at three o'clock, P. M., of the day designated for their regular session; that after their organization is effected, the first hour be spent in devotional services; that the Synodical sermon be preached the same evening; that the first hour of the next morning session be spent in devotional exercises, in connection with which the Chairman of the Committee on the State of Religion shall read such extracts from the annual reports of the Classes as he may elect; that in the afternoon of the second day of the session, the Lord's Supper be administered under the auspices of the Synod; that in the evening of the same day a sermon be preached before Synod; the Preacher and his theme, together with an alternate, to be chosen at the preceding annual session, and that the first half-hour of each subsequent day of the Synod be spent in devotional services.

7. *Resolved*, (If a majority of the Classes concur), That the Particular Synods be, hereafter, Courts of final appeal for all causes that have, in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution, been tried originally in the Consistory, unless as many members of the Particular Synod as there are Classes composing said Synod shall, within ten days after the adjournment of the same, file with the President of the Particular Synod a certificate to the effect that in their judgment, any cause originating in the Consistory which has been reviewed by the Particular Synod, is a proper case for the action of the General Synod, in which case an appeal may be taken to the higher judicatory.

8. *Resolved*, That two committees be hereafter appointed by each of the Particular Synods, to be called respectively the Committee on Church Visitation, and the Committee on Church Extension; that each of these Committees be composed of nine members, viz: Six Ministers and three Elders; that at the next regular session of each of the Particular Synods, these Committees be appointed by ballot—one-third of their number, viz: Two Ministers and one Elder being chosen to serve for one, two, and three years respectively, and that at each succeeding annual session, two Ministers and one Elder be elected for three years.

9. *Resolved*, That the Committee on Church Visitation be charged with the promotion of spiritual religion and Christian beneficence among the Churches within the bounds of the Particular Synod; and that at some suitable period of each year, it arrange to hold a Convention of Churches within the limits of each Classis, at which some of its members shall be present, to urge these important interests upon the minds and hearts of the people.



10. *Resolved*, That the Committee on Church Extension be charged with the general supervision of our denominational growth within the bounds of the Particular Synod; that it search out opportunities for the establishment of new organizations, and that it afford all possible encouragement and assistance to feeble enterprises—it being understood that this Committee is designed to supplement rather than supersede the efforts of the Classis, and the Board of Domestic Missions, and that nothing in this resolution shall be construed in such a manner as to infringe the prerogatives of either.

11. *Resolved*, That the Secretaries of the several Boards of the Church be requested, so far as they may be able, to attend, alternately, the sessions of the Particular Synods, and address the members upon the claims of the respective Boards, and upon the general subject of Christian beneficence.

The plan, thus suggested by your Committee, involves the necessity of amending two sections of the Constitution. They recommend, therefore, the adoption of the following supplemental resolutions, viz:

*Resolved*, That the General Synod approve and propose to the Classes the amendment of Chapter II., Article IV., Section I., of the Constitution of the Reformed Church, in such a manner as that it shall read as follows, viz: "Every Particular Synod shall comprehend a certain number of Classes to be designated by the General Synod, and shall consist of a delegation of four Ministers and four Elders from every Classis within its bounds, and nine Ministers and nine Elders, when regularly convened, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, excepting those Synods which may consist of not more than five Classes, in which cases six Ministers and six Elders may form a quorum."

*Resolved*, That the General Synod approve and propose to the Classes the amendment of Chapter II., Article I., Section 7, of the Constitution of the Reformed Church, by inserting after the phrase "enjoys the same privilege" the language "except that the Particular Synod shall be a Court of final appeal for all causes that have, in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution, been tried originally in the Consistory," unless as many members of the Particular Synod as there are Classes composing said Synod shall, within ten days after the adjournment of the same, file with the President of the Particular Synod a certificate to the effect that in their judgment any cause originating in the Consistory which has been reviewed by the Particular Synod, is a proper case for the action of the General Synod, in which case an appeal may be taken to the higher judicatory.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN McCLELLAN HOLMES, *Chairman*.



A Committee was appointed, consisting of Rev. J. B. Drury, E. Winter, Elder J. W. Ferdon, on the Appendix to the Constitution. The Committee presented the following report, which was accepted and adopted :

Your Committee to consider the relation to the Constitution of its second Appendix and the resolution in reference to its amendment, would respectfully report :

That all the sections of the Appendix are nothing more than resolutions of Synod, and may therefore be amended by the same authority.

In view of the inconvenience which may arise in case any of our Holland Churches might wish to call a Minister from the mother country, we would propose the following addition to the above-mentioned rule, viz :

"This rule shall not apply to Ministers called from the Reformed Church in Holland by any of our congregations, and coming with satisfactory credentials and testimonials."

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. DRURY, *Chairman.*

## ARTICLE X.

### DOCTRINES AND MORALS.

Nothing occurred.

## ARTICLE XI.

### CUSTOMS AND USAGES.

The Committee on the Publication of the Hymn Book presented ninety-five Hymns for examination by the Synod, with a view to their introduction in the Book.

The following Committee was appointed to make such examination. Rev. J. Forsyth, James Demarest, Jr., and Elder Wm. H. Crosby.

The Committee reported that the Hymns be approved, and the report was accepted.

The Committee on the Publication of the Hymn Book presented the following report, which was accepted, amended, and adopted :

The Committee appointed at the last session of General Synod, with directions "to arrange for and superintend the publication of the Hymns approved" by said Synod, respectfully report progress, as follows :

The directions given being general in their character, the Committee considered it their first duty to study up the history of the Hymnology of the Church, and the action of Synod respecting it in previous years, that they might conform their action, as far as possible, to established usage.

A *resume* of that history may not improperly introduce this report.

The *Church orders* ratified by the National Synod of Dordrecht (A. D. 1618, 1619) which are still "recognized as containing the distinctive and fundamental principles of our Church government," (Minutes of Synod for 1833, p. 202), declare that "the one hundred and fifty psalms of David; the Ten Commandments; the Lord's Prayer; the twelve articles of the Christian faith; the songs of Mary, Zacharias, and Simeon, versified only, shall be sung in public worship. The Churches are left at liberty to adopt, or omit, that entitled *O Thou who art our Father God!* All others are prohibited." This usage prevailing in the Netherlands, was transferred to this country. Several copies of the Psalm-books, which the fathers brought with them, are in the hands of the Committee. They are invariably bound up in the same volume with the Bible, or the New Testament at least, the Catechism and Liturgy. These Psalms, in Hollandish, are the version of Peter Dathe, the eminent biblical scholar and critic, by whom they were translated, however, not from the original, but from the French.

This was the *first book* in use in the Reformed Church, in America. It contains, besides the Psalms, the Ten Commandments, the song of Zacharias, the song of the Virgin Mary, the Apostle's Creed, the Lord's Prayer, the Articles of the Christian faith, translated out of German by Jan Uytenhoven, the Morning prayer, the Evening prayer, the prayer before Sermon, prayer before eating, prayer after eating, the evening prayer entitled *Christe qui Lux es et Dies*, and a translation by Abraham Van der Meer, from the Greek Bible, of the *one hundred and fifty-first* of the Psalms of David. Every word or these Psalms, and Creeds, and Prayers, is set to music of a simple recitative character, in which all might join, by Cornelis de Leeuw. This book was in use in all the Dutch Churches in this country until the Consistory of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church of the city of New York found it necessary to have divine service performed in the English language, and, on the 9th of November, 1767, approved and recommended for the use of their Church and schools an English Psalm-book, published by their order, "which is greatly indebted to that of Dr. Brady and Mr. Tate; some of the Psalms being transcribed verbatim from their version, and others altered so as to fit them to the music used in the Dutch Churches." (Prefatory

note.) This book contains, besides the Psalms of David, fifteen pages of "Hymns," viz: The Ten Commandments, song of Zacharias, the song of the Virgin Mary, the song of Simeon, the Creed, and the Lord's Prayer, all set to the simple music, in which all the people joined, so that the compiler could truthfully say, "A great part of divine worship consists in harmonious singing. This first book in English was *the second book* in use in our Churches.

The Articles of Union adopted in 1771, make no mention of Psalmody, but agree to "abide in all things," by the regulations of the Synod of Dort, hereinbefore quoted.

In 1773, a new version of Psalms and Hymns was compiled and adopted in the Netherlands, and was soon after introduced into some of the Dutch Churches in America, constituting *the third book* thus used. Of this, the Committee have not, as yet, been able to secure a copy, but it is believed that it differs from the preceding chiefly in the higher critical character of the Psalms. In 1787, General Synod appointed a committee to compile a Psalm-book "out of other collections of English Psalms in repute and received in the Reformed Churches—no congregation, however, to be obliged thereto, where that of the New York Consistory is in use." Additional instructions were given the next year, to print "some well-composed spiritual hymns, in connection with the Psalms," and the committee was "also empowered, as soon as the majority agree in relation to the compilation, to forward said Psalm-book to the press." This, however, they did not do until they had reported the same to the extraordinary session of Synod in 1789, and obtained its approval thereof, after which it was speedily published. It contains, besides the Psalms of David, a century of hymns, of which, "1 to 52 are suited to the Heidelberg Catechism; 53 to 73 are adapted to the Holy Ordinance of the Lord's Supper; and hymn 74 to the end are on miscellaneous subjects." Among these occur such titles as "Christmas," "The Song of the Angels," "Resurrection," "Ascension," "Whitsunday," "New Year," &c., &c., &c.

This first book prepared by the order of General Synod, being *the fourth book* used in our Churches, is without music, as have been all subsequent books thus prepared until this time. This selection continued in use for a full quarter of a century, and is still an admirable one. Many of its selections, which had been unaccountably dropped from succeeding books, have been restored in the one herewith presented to Synod.

In 1812, on petition of the Classis of New York, referred to General Synod by the Particular Synod of New York, Synod declared it "desirable that our Psalms and Hymns be improved and enlarged," and requested "Dr. Livingston to make the selection, agreeably to the views expressed," which he did, submitting it to a committee, by whom it was reported to the Synod of 1813, whereupon a mandatory order was issued, that it "be *forthwith* introduced into public worship in *all* our Churches!" Its use was *recommended*,

also, "to all families and individuals, instead of the book hitherto in use." No radical change has been made in the Psalmody of the Church from that day to this. This second book, prepared by order of Synod, being *the fifth book* in use in the Churches, has been increased by successive additions, but is essentially the book still in use. The order of the hymns in this book is the same as in that which preceded it, but the number was increased to two hundred and seventy-three (273). In 1831, the Rev. Thomas DeWitt, chairman of a committee appointed for that purpose, reported one hundred and seventy-two (172) other hymns, which were approved and published as an appendix, called "Book II." of hymns. The book thus enlarged may be regarded as *the sixth book* in use in our Churches.

In 1843, three hundred and thirty-one (331) other hymns were approved by Synod and published under the title of "Sabbath School and Social Hymns." The direction of Synod to separate the Sunday school from the social hymns was not observed.

In 1845, it was "Resolved, that the whole subject of the hymn-book be referred to a special committee,—to consider the importance of a new arrangement of our hymns for social and Sabbath school worship; and that they report to the next General Synod, with the addition of such new hymns as may make the collection more complete. (p. 478.) In 1846, the Rev. Isaac Ferris, Chairman, reported three hundred and fifty additional hymns, which were approved. Of these, eight (8) were added to the "Sabbath School and Social Hymn Book," and three hundred and forty-two (342) were published separately, under the title of "Additional Hymns." These, together with those before constituting "Book I." and "Book II.," were all re-arranged and numbered as they now stand in the book in use in our Churches. This may be regarded as *the seventh book* thus used in the Reformed Church in America. The committee presided over by the venerable Thomas DeWitt, as well as that presided over by the Rev. Chancellor Isaac Ferris, both suggested the convenient arrangement of classifying the Psalms and Hymns in one general arrangement, though the work was not performed by either. In the book of 1789, this distinction was made with propriety, the versions of the Psalms being comparatively close, and the hymns of a widely different character. But in all succeeding books, it has been a distinction without a difference, some of the so-called "hymns" being much more nearly accurate versions of Psalms than others classed as such; and some of the "Psalms" partaking very slightly of the character of the Hebrew Psalm of the same number.

It is worthy of note also, that in 1846, for the first time, did General Synod authorize an edition of the Psalm and Hymn-book without the Liturgy, the committee advising it and suggesting that they had endeavored "to make the *poetical liturgy* of the Church complete."



In 1862, the Board of Publication laid before Synod the "Fulton Street Hymn-book," containing three hundred and twenty-six hymns, *twenty-two* (22) of which had "never been authorized by any Synodical action, with the view to obtain its sanction for the use of the hymns here pointed out." These hymns were accordingly examined by the Committee on Publication, and, on their recommendation, were "sanctioned and approved," and "the book recommended to the Churches."

In this chronological sketch, no allusion has been made to books in the French and German languages; but so long ago as 1792, Synod approved and recommended, "in the French language, the Psalms and hymns compiled by Theodore De Beza and La Moret; and in the German language, the Psalms and hymns published at Marburgh and Amsterdam, used in the Reformed Churches in Germany, in the Netherlands, and in Pennsylvania."

In 1853, the German Evangelical Mission Church of New York, through its pastor, the Rev. J. C. Guldin, petitioned General Synod "in relation to the preparation and publication of a hymn-book in the German language; whereupon a committee was appointed to select and arrange the materials for such a book." The committee was directed to submit it, when prepared, to the inspection of another committee, and it was "Resolved, That when approved by them, the Board of Direction be authorized to make a contract for having them printed, without delay." Accordingly, the excellent book compiled by ———, now in use in our German Churches, was published in October of the same year.

The Board of Publication has also published a German book for Sunday schools, with music, and an edition of our standard Psalms and hymns, with music.

This statement, it is believed, completes the outline of this history until the inception of the present enterprise.

In 1868, the South Classis of Long Island preferred to General Synod a request "for the approval of two hundred and fifty new hymns and chants, to be published with about three hundred and fifty of those hitherto approved, with appropriate music." A book, including these hymns, was then in process of preparation under the direction of the Classis. The matter was referred to a special committee, which reported in favor of granting the request, and of approving, also, three hundred and fifty (350) other hymns, selected from various sources by the Committee. Synod adopted the report of the Committee, and thus made an addition to the hymnology of the Church of six hundred (600) hymns never before approved. The present Committee was appointed "to arrange for and superintend the publication of the hymns herewith approved." Only a part of this work has, as yet, been accomplished.

The collection, for the service of the sanctuary, entitled "Hymns of the Church" is complete. It is printed, but it is not yet issued, both because the labor of preparation has been much greater than



was anticipated, and because it was thought desirable not to publish it until after this meeting of General Synod. The book, as it was, in the hands of the Classical Committee at the last meeting of General Synod, was afterward greatly enlarged and modified by them, according to the request of Synod's Committee, by whom it was subsequently received from the Classis. The general arrangement and structure of the book is essentially the same as it was at that time. The Chairman of the Classical Committee, the Rev. Zachary Eddy, has been the faithful co-laborer of the Committee in revising the book for publication, and in carrying it through the press.

The Committee, according to direction, first selected "about three hundred and fifty (350) of the best of those (hymns) hitherto approved." These, together with the two hundred and fifty (250) sent up from the South Classis of Long Island, were digested under appropriate headings, and prepared for publication. But it was soon found that an additional number of the hymns "hitherto approved" might be incorporated without materially increasing the expense, and with the probable result of largely increasing the sale of the work. Such additional selection was accordingly made. In the construction of the work on the plan adopted, it frequently became necessary to complete a page with a hymn upon the same subject as the others on the page, and also in the same metre, and a hymn answering both these requirements could not always be found among those hitherto approved.

It thus became necessary either to stop the work, to do it in an imperfect manner, or to insert some hymns not yet approved. On mature deliberation and consultation, this last plan was adopted, with the intention of asking the approval of these hymns, before the issue of the book with the *imprimatur* of the Synod, as was done in the case of the Fulton Street Hymn Book. Of course, pains have been taken to select only hymns whose teaching is strictly in accordance with the standards of the Church. The critical character of these additional hymns, is necessarily below that of the rest of the book, at least in many cases. A few which have been inserted at the special request of brethren, or written for the work are, of course, excepted from this statement. For these additional hymns, approval is hereby asked.

The Committee desire to acknowledge the valuable assistance of christian brethren and friends, (especially of the Rev. David K. Sutphen and the Rev. Maurice G. Hansen), in the preparation of the Indexes. Important suggestions respecting the work have also been made by others, for which the Committee are deeply grateful.

Various authors and publishers have allowed the use of both hymns and tunes belonging to them, for which kind courtesy they merit the thanks of the Church, and none more than the Rev. Philip Schaff, D.D. Several gentlemen have furnished original contributions which add greatly to the excellence of the work. Among these it is not invidious to mention the Rev. Ray Palmer, D.D.,

who has kindly allowed the use of several hymns first published in this collection. The musical editor of the work is the well-known chorister and organist, U. C. Burnap, Esq.

The Committee has been fortunate enough to secure the publication of this book by the firm of A. S. Barnes & Co., which has had a very wide experience and unprecedented success in enterprizes of this kind. The book is published without any expense or any risk on the part of the Synod or the Church. Two editions are prepared; the one, with tunes; the other, without.

The publishers have agreed to pay a royalty of twenty-five (25) cents on each and every book sold. Of this royalty, ten (10) cents on each book with music is to be paid to the musical editor, as compensation for his services.

The rest of the proceeds, after the payment of expenses, (being fifteen (15) cents on each book with music, and twenty-five (25) cents on each book without music), will be paid, if Synod endorse the book and recommend it to the Churches, to the Treasurer of General Synod. The publishers with great liberality allowed the Committee to designate, precisely, the paper and type they desired, and entirely new type was bought to meet their wishes. In mechanical construction and beauty, at least, the book is far in advance of any in the market. Several congregations of the Presbyterian, Congregational and other denominational bodies are preparing to introduce it at once.

In editing the hymns, pains has been taken to conform them as far as possible to the form in which they were issued by their authors. This is a simple act of justice, but it is believed that it has very much increased the excellence of hymns largely made pointless by the mutilation of compilers. In a few instances where it has seemed impossible to restore the original form without a shock to both taste and habit, the common form has been retained, the fact of alteration being indicated in the table of first lines. In some cases the Committee have not been able to discover the original form, and have simply retained that which seemed in most common use. The labor and care involved in verifying such a selection, made in fact from the whole field of English literature, can be known only by those who have had experience of it. It is hoped that the character of this selection will prove not unworthy of the times in which it is made. The general revival of hymnology throughout the christian world, the valuable additions made to it by translations from various languages, the increased regard which is paid to it as the principal means by which the people of God participate actively in public worship, have affected all denominations. It was fitting that the first Reformed Church in America should be behind none in adapting herself to the times in which she lives, by availing herself of all the best possible God-given means of praise. Nor is it less a matter of gratulation that many of these excellent hymns are from the pens of the ministers whom God has given to our own Church.

The music also has been derived from sources wide apart, the residence of the editor in various lands, and his familiarity with their languages and modes of worship, enabling him to avail himself of the music in use throughout the Christian world. Competent critics confidently assert that the music of this book is, as a whole, of a higher grade than that of any book hitherto published in this country. It is hoped that the book may be the means of cultivating taste as well as piety.

In conclusion, the Committee beg leave to suggest to Synod the desirableness of departing from the precedent established in 1813, the only other instance in which an entirely new book was prepared by order of Synod. At that time it was

*“Resolved, That this selection be forthwith introduced into public worship in all our Churches; and the General Synod recommend the same to all the families and individuals within their communion, to be adopted instead of the book which has hitherto been in use.”*

The Committee suggest the adoption of the following resolution, modified from that of 1813:

*Resolved, That General Synod approve and authorize the book entitled “Hymns of the Church,” including the ninety-five additional hymns for which approval is asked, and recommend it to all Churches, families, and individuals within their communion.*

JOHN B. THOMPSON,	} Committee.
ASHBEL G. VERMILYE,	
ALEX. R. THOMPSON,	

*Resolved, That the action of the General Synod in 1848, prohibiting the issue of any edition of the Psalms and Hymns of our Church without the Confession of Faith and Liturgy, be reëffirmed in relation to the “Hymns of the Church” approved and authorized by this Synod.*

*Resolved, That the Committee having this matter in charge be instructed to procure a sufficient number of copies of said Book for use in our Churches, which shall contain our Doctrinal Standards and Liturgy as now published, and that General Synod recommend such only to be introduced into our Churches.*

*Resolved, That all such copies shall bear upon their title page the named of our Church, “Reformed Church in America.”*

The Committee on the Revision of the Liturgy reported progress and the Committee was continued.

## ARTICLE XII.

## SCHOOLS AND CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

The Thirty-seventh Annual Report of the Board of Education was received and referred to the Committee on Education, with the exception of so much as refers to vacancies, which was referred to the Committee on Nominations.

The Annual Report of the Treasurer of the Board of Education was received, and referred to the Committee on Education.

The Committee on Education presented the following report, which was accepted and adopted :

The Committee on Education, to whom was referred the Thirty-seventh Annual Report of the Board of Education of the Reformed Church, and its accompanying documents, having carefully examined the above-mentioned papers, beg leave respectfully to present the following report :

The operations of the Board of Education during the past year have been characterized by the most marked success. Fifty-eight students for the ministry have been sustained by the funds of the Board, of whom six have graduated from the Theological Seminary, and are now engaged in the work to which God has called them in our own land, in China, and in Japan. Of the aggregate number thus composing the beneficiaries of the Board, twenty-one have been received during the last twelve months, constituting an increase of students in preparation for the sacred office which is every way gratifying to the Church. This large increase, next to the divine blessing upon the Board, is chiefly attributable to the change in its policy, inaugurated at the last session of the General Synod. And in view of the results already effected, the wisdom of receiving young men upon the funds of the Board, previous to their being fitted to enter College, is fully vindicated.

The Parochial School system, which is conducted by the Board, although comparatively limited in its operations, is yet accomplishing an important work. Thirteen churches have received aid during the year in support of their Parochial Schools, and from the annual reports which have been received by the Board, it appears that happy influences have been exerted and gratifying results accomplished in connection with this agency of the Church. It is to be regretted, however, that more churches do not avail themselves of the benefits derivable from the system thus established. Manifestly the conjunction of intelligence and piety is essential to the welfare of the Church, and for the furtherance of this end the Parochial



school system seems eminently adapted. It is therefore earnestly commended to the Churches of the Synod. Despite the success, however, which has attended the efforts of the Board in the several departments of its work, its receipts during the year have not been commensurate with its expenditures. The amount derived from collections and donations, exclusive of interest from invested funds, has been \$12,301 37. This sum, while an increase of \$1,792 97 over the receipts of the previous year, has not been sufficient to conduct the operations of the Board; and, as the consequence, a debt is reported to Synod as resting upon the Board of \$3,942 49. This result is attributable partly to the failure of two hundred churches to contribute anything to the funds of the Board during the past year, and partly to the heavy drafts made upon the treasury for the support of Hope College.

So far as the former of these causes is concerned, your Committee regard it as wholly unjustifiable. The interests represented by this Board are vital to the efficiency and success of the Church. Every organization, and indeed every individual, has a personal responsibility in connection with their support. And the strongest considerations of duty, therefore, urge upon every church the taking of an annual collection in behalf of this object.

So far as the remaining cause is concerned, your Committee are equally clear in their convictions that so soon as is practicable it ought to be removed. Hope College is the child of the Church, one of the youngest and most fondly loved of her children. It deserves, therefore, at her hands the most affectionate care, and the most liberal support. This, however, can be afforded in a satisfactory manner only by means of an adequate and permanent endowment. It is justice neither to Hope College nor to the Board of Education that the former should be dependent upon the latter for support, and the latter should divert more than one half of its annual collections from their legitimate channel of educating students for the Ministry in order to support an institution which the Church is abundantly able to endow.

In view of the considerations which have thus been suggested, your Committee would offer the following resolutions, viz:

1. *Resolved*, That this General Synod gratefully recognizes the divine blessing which has attended the efforts of the Board of Education during the past year, and heartily re-affirms its previous resolutions of confidence in the efficient management of the Board.

2. *Resolved*, That the important work in which the Board of Education is engaged entitles it to the hearty coöperation and liberal support of the entire Church, and that it be and hereby is enjoined upon all the Churches within the bounds of this Synod to take an annual collection in behalf of its funds.

3. *Resolved*, That the speedy endowment of Hope College is vital to the educational interests of the Church, and that this work be heartily commended to the liberality of the Churches with a view to



relieving the Board of Education from the support of this institution on or before the first day of May, 1871.

4. *Resolved*, That the last Thursday in February be observed throughout our entire denomination as a day of special prayer for Colleges and other Seminaries of learning, and that the Pastors of all the Churches be requested to preach upon the subject of Christian education on the preceding Sabbath.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN McC. HOLMES,

*Chairman.*

The Committee on Nominations having reported, Synod proceeded to fill the places of those in the Board of Education whose term of service has expired. On counting the ballots it appeared that Rev. B. C. Taylor, J. B. Thompson, J. Romeyn Berry, David Cole, J. Elmendorf, Messrs. S. B. Schieffelin, Marcus Lyon, and R. N. Perlee were elected.

One person was recommended to the Board of Trustees of Rutgers College to receive aid from the Van Benschoten Fund.

### ARTICLE XIII.

#### CHURCH COLLEGES.

The Annual Report of the Council of Hope College was received, and referred to the Committee on the Professorate.

The following persons recommended by the Particular Synod of Chicago were elected members of the Council of Hope College :

For Classis of Holland,	Rev. P. J. Oggel.
“ Wisconsin,	“ J. H. Karsten.
“ Illinois,	“ U. D. Gulick.

Rev. C. Van Derveen was nominated and chosen by the General Synod for the Classis of Michigan.

### ARTICLE XIV.

#### PROFESSORATE.

The unfinished business found on the Minutes of the last session of General Synod, pages 480-4, was referred to the Committee on the Professorate.

The Committee on the Professorate presented the following report, which was accepted and adopted :

The Committee on the Professorate have had before them for examination—*First*, the Report of the *Board of Superintendents at New Brunswick*, which includes also that of the *Standing Committee on Hertzog Hall* ; and with this Report a separate paper addressed to General Synod by the *Chairman* of the Committee on Hertzog Hall.

From these papers your Committee now report the following items for action by General Synod :

(1.) *First*. We recommend that the Standing Committee on Hertzog Hall be instructed to take such means as may be practicable to *lighten onerous assessments* upon the rooms of students.

(2.) *Second*. We recommend that leave be granted to the Seminary Faculty to exchange *duplicate books in the Library* for others, where it can be done to advantage.

(3.) *Third*. We recommend, *as the Board of Superintendents also recommend*, that a *dispensation* be granted to Mr. *Bahler* of the Junior Class for necessary absence during part of the year.

(4.) *Fourth*. In order to secure such meetings of the *Standing Committee on Hertzog Hall* as are necessary to the purposes of its creation by General Synod, we recommend the following *slight change from the order of last year*, viz., that it consist, with power to fill vacancies, of one Theological Professor (chosen by the Faculty), and *five*, instead of *nine*, other members, to be chosen annually by General Synod. We also recommend the following members, on the part of General Synod, for the current year, viz. :

Rev. J. A. H. Cornell,

Rev. W. J. R. Taylor,

James Suydam, Esq., New York.

William Wood, Esq., New York.

David Bishop, Esq., New Brunswick.

(5.) *Fifth*. Your Committee have the great gratification of reporting to General Synod a most liberal *donation from James Suydam, Esq.*, of New York, through the agency of Rev. J. A. H. Cornell, D.D., of *forty thousand dollars* (\$40,000), to endow a Professorship, "to be called and always hereafter known as the James Suydam Professorship of Didactic and Polemic Theology, in the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church in America ;" which donation has already been deposited in U. S. bonds, and is, by agreement, to be paid to the Treasurer of General Synod on the *first of September next*.

Your Committee therefore *recommend* as follows :

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this General Synod, and of the whole Church which it represents, are due, and are hereby gratefully presented to James Suydam, Esq., of New York, for his large gift of \$40,000 to endow a Professorship in our Theological Seminary at New Brunswick.

*Resolved*, That the Professorship so endowed shall be called and always hereafter known as "The James Suydam Professorship of Didactic and Polemic Theology."

*Resolved*, That these resolutions be signed, in the name of General Synod, by the President, Adressor, and Stated Clerk, and by them presented to Mr. Suydam.

(6.) *Sixth*. In view of his eminent fitness and success thus far, we recommend that the Board of Direction and Standing Committee on Hertzog Hall be authorized to secure the *continued services of Rev. J. A. H. Cornell, D.D.*, in prosecuting that work of endowing the Seminary so auspiciously commenced; the Board of Direction to make such arrangements as to compensation for his services past and future as they may deem just.

II. The following papers, relating to *Hope College and Seminary* have been referred to us, viz:

General Synod minutes of last year, containing "unfinished business, pages 481-484: the annual report of the Council, and that of the *Superintendents*; a letter from *Prof. Crispell*; and a communication from the *Classis of Holland*; and a letter from the *Senior Class of the Theological School*.

The latter requests "a part in the approaching commencement that shall be indicative of their relations to the *University*;" and to be allowed "a professional diploma from the Council of *Hope Haven University*."

We find the letter respectful, and unexceptionable in tone. But should Synod create such an Institution, no action upon the request will be necessary. In the light of an argument or influence to secure that end, while the subject is under discussion in General Synod your Committee deem the communication unusual.

The subject of chief interest in these papers, is, of course, the *University scheme*. And, in relation to this matter, your Committee would strongly urge that *action*, one way or the other, is now imperatively demanded for the benefit of all concerned. We give the following facts as containing the case in few words. "*Hope College*" is located at Holland, Michigan. It is now sustained, and probably for some time will be, very largely, if not mostly, by the *Hollanders*. But the *Hollanders* have "no sympathy with a merely *literary institution*." They will not support it. They say so, and reiterate it, in their various communications to General Synod. It is a *Theological school* they principally want. The Seminary in permanent connection with the College, is, therefore, vital to the continued existence of *Hope College*. Hence, confessedly, the *University scheme*.

But, on the Theological Seminary side, it is strongly urged, for the dignity of Theology and the interests of the Seminary, that it should *not* become a mere department in a University; but remain, as at present, "*at Hope College*," but in a measure *separate* from it, with its own internal discipline, and its own acknowledged Pro-

fessors, its own Board of Superintendents also, distinct from the Council or Trustees of the College.

Your Committee would now represent, that General Synod has never yet definitely fixed the status of the officers in these several departments, literary and theological. Here are Professors mingling in the same faculty; but sometimes as College officers, and sometimes as Theological officers. Hence inevitable clashing as to duties and powers, injurious to the interests of both institutions.

But if the status be fixed on the *Theological* plan, what have we? We have a young institution, still weak, almost incipient; but with divided interests within it,—Jacob and Esau,—when it should be essentially one: a double Faculty, a Council for the College and a Board of Superintendents for the Seminary; and with the jealousy, so fatal to the College, still remaining, that in time they may separate.

On the other hand, your committee cannot approve, at present, the *University scheme*; though the Western Classes look with favor upon it. We are of the opinion that, unless under State control, or with the prestige of large endowments, a *university* is a thing of time and growth. A university of fifty students, no funds, and paper Professorships, can command no respect, and does not meet the proper idea of that term.

But coming now to Hope College, as already founded, we find, it, by its very charter already complete. It is to provide the *usual* course of study, “in connection with sound, evangelical, religious instruction, according to the standards” of our Church. The Council “*may, at their option, conduct a Theological Department.*” So says the charter. The Council is appointed by General Synod directly, from its western ministry and Churches. The funds are under full and absolute control of General Synod. It is General Synod’s *Theological College*.

With this before us, your Committee feel prepared to submit to General Synod the following resolution, intended to remove present difficulties by *fixing definitely* the status of things at Hope College:

*Resolved*, 1st, That the action of General Synod in 1867, dividing the Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary into two parts, be and the same is hereby rescinded.

*Resolved*, 2d, That the *Council of Hope College* be and the same is hereby constituted and appointed the *Board of Superintendents* of the Theological school in Hope College; with duties and prerogatives like those of the Board of Superintendents of the Theological school at New Brunswick.

*Resolved*, 3d, That the Synod proceed to elect *two additional Theological Professors*; one of Evangelistic Theology, and one of Exegetical Theology.

*Resolved*, 4th, That the Council of Hope College be, and the same is hereby instructed to complete the organization of the Theological department in the College, according to the provisions of the charter and the original design of Synod, as speedily as practicable,



with the *same course of study established by Synod* in the Theological school at New Brunswick; and that such department be, and the same is hereby recognized as the Western Theological School of this Synod.

*Resolved*, 5th, That the Faculty of Hope College, exclusive of such members as are not acting as Theological Professors and Lectors by appointment of General Synod, *be, and the same is hereby recognized as the Faculty of the Theological school* of Synod in Hope College.

*Resolved*, 6th, That the Faculty of the Theological school in Hope College be, and the same is hereby empowered and instructed to *elect one of their number* to represent them as a member of the Council of Hope College.

*Resolved*, 7th, That the Council of Hope College be, and the same is hereby empowered and instructed to take such measures to *complete the endowment of the institution*, as shall relieve the Board of Education of the support of its Professors *within the space of two years*.

*In conclusion*, should this young institution grow in time, and, under the divine blessing, to the stature of a *University* of the Reformed Church, all, doubtless, would rejoice. But at present, the above is what, and all, we deem the case to demand.

Respectfully submitted,

A. G. VERMILYE, *Chairman*.

Synod proceeded on the eighth day of the session to the appointment of a Professor of Evangelistic Theology, and also of a Professor of Exegetical Theology for the Theological School in Hope College.

Nominations were made for the Professorship.

On the succeeding day the Synod, after a season of special prayer, proceeded to the election of two Professors.

On counting the ballots it appeared that Rev. A. C. Van Raalte was elected Professor of Evangelistic Theology, and Rev. Philip Phelps, Jr., Professor of Exegetical Theology.

Rev. P. Phelps, professor-elect, appeared in Synod, and signified his acceptance of the office.

The Synod proceeded to fill the places of those in the Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary whose term of service has expired.

Nominations were received from the Classes of Albany, Poughkeepsie, Raritan, Saratoga, New Brunswick, Montgomery, South



Classis of Bergen, South Classis of Long Island, and South Classis of New York.

The Committee on Nominations reported a double number of persons from whom to choose members for the Classes that have not made nominations.

The following were elected :

For Classis of Albany,	Rev. A. C. Millspaugh.
“ Poughkeepsie,	“ O. E. Cobb.
“ Raritan,	“ P. M. Doolittle.
“ Saratoga,	“ P. Furbeck, in place of Rev. C. Van Santvoord.
“ New Brunswick,	“ C. D. Hartranft.
“ Montgomery,	“ R. M. Stanbrough.
South “ Bergen,	“ E. P. Terhune.
South “ Long Island,	“ J. H. Manning.
South “ New York,	“ M. S. Hutton.
“ Cayuga,	“ A. G. Vermilye.
North “ Long Island,	“ W. H. Ten Eyck.
“ Passaic,	“ N. Conklin.
“ Philadelphia,	“ J. Gardner.

#### ARTICLE XV.

##### STUDENTS IN THEOLOGY.

Nothing occurred.

#### ARTICLE XVI.

##### CHURCH VISITATION.

Nothing occurred.

#### ARTICLE XVII.

##### PREVAILING SINS.

Nothing occurred.

## ARTICLE XVIII.

## MISSIONS.

The Thirty-seventh Annual Report of the Board of Foreign Missions was received, and referred to the Committee on Foreign Missions, with the exception of so much as relates to vacancies, which was referred to the Committee on Nominations.

The Report of the Treasurer of the Board of Foreign Missions was received, and referred to the Committee on Foreign Missions.

The Thirty-seventh Annual Report of the Board of Domestic Missions was received and referred to the Committee on Domestic Missions, with the exception of so much as relates to vacancies, which was referred to the Committee on Nominations.

The Report of the Treasurer of the Board of Domestic Missions was received, and referred to the Committee on Domestic Missions.

The Report of the Church Building Fund was received, and referred to the Committee on Domestic Missions.

The Committee on Domestic Missions presented the following report, which was accepted and adopted :

The Committee on Domestic Missions respectfully report that the Thirty-seventh Annual Report of the Board of Domestic Missions, together with the Treasurer's Report, have been placed in their hands.

These reports are well calculated to awaken gratitude to God, and to stimulate the Church to fresh zeal and activity in the great work committed to her by her Divine Lord. Clear and decided evidence is furnished therein of the progress of our Domestic Missionary work, and of the blessing of God upon the efforts thus put forth. This evidence is found in the contributions made to the Board, amounting to \$24,973 33, of which sum \$16,988 has been given by the churches, an increase over last year of \$1,607 from this source, and a larger amount than has ever before been given by them in one year, except when some special appeal has been made to them, in an increase of 32 in the number of contributing churches over those of last year, in an addition during the year of seven to the number of self-sustaining churches, some of which have been dependent upon the Board from their organization, in the supply of laborers for the West furnished by our western institutions, meeting a want long felt, in the interest taken by some of our Sabbath schools in the work, two of which unite in furnishing the entire support of a Missionary at the West, in the reviving, under encouraging circumstances, of some

churches at the West which had been abandoned, in the individual aid furnished in at least one instance, where the entire support of a Pastor has been contributed by one who had previously erected a church edifice for the congregation, in the addition to the membership of the churches of 921, of which number 668 have been by conversion, in the refreshing showers of divine grace which have descended upon several of our Mission Churches, and in the increased interest generally exhibited by the Church in sustaining this work. All these call for devout gratitude and thanksgiving to the great Head of the Church.

But with these songs of joy and praise there mingle in the report of the Board the notes of sadness. The melancholy fact is disclosed that while there has been an increase in the contributions by churches and individuals over the past and many previous years, the Treasury is in arrears to the amount of \$5,568 63. This arises chiefly from a falling off in the amount received from legacies. In this connection it may well be asked whether we are doing all that we should in so important a cause? Is the sum of \$17,000 all that a Church so abundant in resources has to give for the evangelization of our country, and for her own enlargement and increase? Are 23 churches and mission stations all that she can enable this Board to maintain in the great West, now assuming greater importance than ever before, and especially when one great difficulty is to a great extent removed, that of procuring laborers for this field? We feel constrained to say that the amount thus contributed does not reflect any great credit upon our denomination. It is neither according to the measure of our ability, nor to the wants of our country, nor what the interests of our Church require. The times demand of us much larger contributions and more energetic efforts. The spirit of enterprise and energy and sleepless activity exhibited in the prosecution of worldly schemes, and especially in the great highway across the continent just completed; the wide extent of our country; the vast immigration pouring in upon us from other lands; the mighty efforts making by the enemies of truth and godliness indicating the approach of a fearful conflict between the friends and foes of Christ; the increasing disregard of the Sabbath and its institutions; the prevalence of vice and crime, and the tide of corruption which has been setting in, and is rolling with such fearful power over our land; all these summon us as a Church to gird up our loins and to do far more than we have yet done if we would save our country from ruin. This land belongs to Christ. The foundations of our country's greatness were laid in the faith of the Gospel, and in the religious principles of its first settlers. That which the Gospel gave us, it only can preserve. It alone can save us from the evils which threaten our overthrow. Let us not prove false to the trust committed to us.

## CHURCH BUILDING FUND.

From the Report of the Board it appears that this Fund is rendering important aid in the work of Domestic Missions. Twelve churches have been finished during the year, or have reached an advanced stage of progress, through the assistance received from this Fund. 121 churches have contributed to it during the year, being 47 more than the preceding year, their contributions amounting to \$10,772 09. It well deserves the consideration of Synod whether efforts should not be made to increase this Fund as being indispensable to the growth and expansion of our Domestic Missionary work. Places in abundance, we are assured, can be found by our Church, and the men can be had to fill them, but the church edifices are wanting, and hence the Board cannot occupy them, or if so, under the greatest difficulties. When \$10,000 thus contributed will complete twelve houses of worship, is there any better expenditure that can be made of money? Should not an effort be made at once to increase the sum to \$100,000? We suggest likewise to those whom God has blessed with worldly substance, in making bequests to objects of benevolence, not to forget this right arm of our Domestic Missionary work. Let it be considered that whatever is thus given is perpetual, and will be doing its work in all coming time.

## SABBATH SCHOOLS.

There are in connection with the churches under the care of the Board, 95 Sabbath schools, in which are 8,115 children, 1,317 more than last year, while the number of schools is four less. In these have been 93 conversions. Your Committee regard favorably the suggestion in the Report to Pastors and Superintendents of Sabbath schools, to organize their schools into Domestic Missionary Associations, to coöperate with the Board in the work of sustaining feeble churches.

Your Committee would recommend the adoption of the following resolutions :

*Resolved*, That this Synod gratefully recognizes the favor of God toward the work of the Board during the past year.

*Resolved*, That Synod has learned with much gratification of the increase in the number of churches contributing to the Board, and urgently recommend to every church in our denomination the importance of taking a collection for it during the coming and every succeeding year.

*Resolved*, That the Board be instructed to make efforts as speedily as possible, by employing an agent hitherto authorized by Synod, or by the agents appointed during the past year in the several Classes, to increase the Building Fund to \$100,000.

*Resolved*, That the Pastors of our Churches and the Superintend-



ents of Sabbath schools be recommended, where no such organizations are already in existence, to form Domestic Missionary Associations in their Sabbath schools, to aid the Board in their work.

Respectfully submitted.

S. W. MILLS,

*Chairman.*

The Committee on Foreign Missions presented the following Report, which was accepted and adopted :

A year of unusual prosperity in the Missions demands the most grateful recognition of the Synod and the Churches. The gracious favor of the head of the Church is manifested in every page of the Annual Report of the Board. As this important document will be printed with the Minutes of Synod, and also in pamphlet form for general circulation, your Committee believe that no more powerful arguments can be presented for increased liberality, and abounding prayer, and advancing movement, than the facts and statements of its encouraging record. Truly has it been "a year of the right hand of the Most High." In addition to the ordinary work of the several Missions, we have special reasons for devout thanksgiving to our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, whose everlasting love and matchless grace have been so signally displayed in the toils and successes of our favored Missions. We refer specifically to such facts as these : Ingatherings of the Churches, the progress of the schools, the usefulness of the medical department of the service, the remarkable preaching tours of our brethren in India, with their native assistants, the new stations which have been occupied, and those which invite our possession, the wonderful work at Chiang-Chiu, the pressing claims of Tindevanum, and the singular providences in Japan, the rapid increase of the native ministry and Gospel helpers in India, the translation of the Scriptures into the Japanese language, and their circulation and results in the other Missions, the new efforts for the education of women in China, the removal of old obstacles, and the positive progress reported by every Mission, and to crown all, the blessings of the Holy Ghost upon the labors of our brethren and their Churches and stations.

For the particulars of these and other great facts, we must refer the whole Church to the Annual Report. It deserves the careful examination of the ministry, and its important statements should be made familiar to every congregation of the Reformed Church.

The only shadow that falls upon these annals of the Missions, is from that cloud of debt which overhangs the Board. Yet this is the result, not of apathy nor of declining power, but of abundant success, together with some extraordinary expenditures for buildings and for the return of our worn laborers to their native land for rest and health. The actual contributions of the Churches during the



year have exceeded those of any previous year of our separate missionary operations, and they are a substantial pledge of still greater liberality in the future.

The publication of the new monthly paper of the Board, entitled "The Gospel Field," marks an era in the progress of the work, and your Committee believe that the widest possible circulation should be given to this valuable periodical. It ought to reach every family in the Churches. The last great subject which is illustrated and enforced by the Report of the Board, is re-enforcement of the Missions. Two more men are needed at once for India, two for China, and one for Japan; and there is room for more in each of these fields, if they can be procured. The missionaries now in this country, and who will return with the three ladies, who are already commissioned as assistant missionaries, will only fill places that are temporarily vacated. For new, large, inviting fields; for aggressive movements upon the kingdom of darkness, and for accomplishing our proper work, the Church once more, in her Saviour's name, makes the solemn appeal, both for the laborers and for the means to send and support them.

Grateful to the Lord of the harvest, interpreting his favor to our Missions as the royal order for new forward movements, and committing our way unto the Lord, we believe that the very safety of the Missions lies in the line of progress, and that the power of the Church, for good, rests in her obedience to the great commission. With these views your Committee propose for the adoption of General Synod the following

#### RESOLUTIONS :

1. *Resolved*, That this General Synod acknowledges, with devout thanksgiving to the great Head of the Church, the gracious favor which He has shown during the past year to the several Missions of our Reformed Church, and that we regard these blessings as new arguments for a more vigorous prosecution of this great work.

2. *Resolved*, That in view of the important openings for enlarged operations in China, India, and Japan, and the pressing demands for re-enforcements, the Board of Foreign Missions be and hereby is directed, as provided by the last General Synod, to commission and send forth those who are prepared to enter upon this holy service for Christ among the heathen.

3. *Resolved*, That while this Synod deplores the existence of the debt of (\$24,000) twenty-four thousand dollars, which has been reported by the Board, it also rejoices in the fact that this incumbrance is not the result of apathy and decreasing interest among the Churches, but that it is chiefly the effect of the providential successes and enlarged operations of the Missions.

4. *Resolved*, That the Synod also recognizes, with great satisfac-

tion, the liberality of the Churches during the past year, and regards this as the pledge of systematic efforts to liquidate the debt, and to sustain and advance the Missions during the present year.

5. *Resolved*, That the Churches be recommended to take their monthly contributions for this cause on the morning of the first Sabbath in each month, so that the benevolent offerings of their full congregations may regularly flow into the Treasury, instead of the limited gifts of the few who usually attend the monthly concert for prayer, and in order to prevent the depletion of the funds during the summer season, it is further recommended that congregational contributions and payments of monies, for this object, be made as largely as practicable in these months.

6. *Resolved*, That consecration to the work of Missions, in a time like this, and amid such high encouragements, is alike the duty and the privilege of the Church and her children; and that this subject is most urgently commended to the hearts and consciences, the progress and faith, the liberality and self-sacrifice of the entire Church.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. J. R. TAYLOR, *Chairman*.

*Resolved*, That the Board be requested to consider the expediency of stationing a Missionary to meet, as they arrive, the heathen now beginning to come in so large numbers to our Pacific coast.

*Resolved*, That it be recommended to the families and members of the Reformed Church in America, about to emigrate to the West or the South, to do so, as far as practicable, in companies, which may afford facilities for the establishment of churches and schools among them.

*Resolved*, That the Ministers and Elders of the churches be requested to be assistant in the matter with good counsel and advice to those under their charge.

*Resolved*, That the Board of Domestic Missions be requested to give attention to this subject, and, if they find it practicable, make it the business of their Secretary to aid with such information and advice as he may be able to give, the formation and settlement of such companies, and not only from among the members of the Reformed Church in America, but also from among the immigrants from Holland and Germany.

The Committee on Nominations having reported, the Synod proceeded to fill the places of those in the Board of Foreign Missions whose term of service has expired. On counting the ballots it appeared that the following were elected: Rev. G. H. Peeke, W. H. Steele, Denis Wortman, J. McC. Holmes, W. V. V. Mabon, Mr. Sanford Cobb, A. H. Hazen, A. V. Van Vechten.

The Committee on Nominations having reported, Synod proceeded to fill the places of those in the Board of Domestic Missions whose term of service has expired. On counting the ballots it appeared that the following were elected: Rev. Isaac Riley, T. G. Watson, J. H. Duryea, R. H. Steele, John A. Hardenberg, Robert H. Pruyn, John W. Ferdon, John R. Smith.

## ARTICLE XIX.

## WIDOWS' AND DISABLED MINISTERS' FUNDS.

The Committee, on the Widows' and Disabled Ministers' Funds, presented the following Report which was adopted :

The Committee on the Widows' and Disabled Ministers' Funds, beg leave to report from the following papers which have been placed in their hands, viz: Widows' Fund Account, Widows' Fund Income Account, and Disabled Ministers' Fund Account, they learn the state of these funds respectively.

The principal of the Widows' Fund, May 1, 1868, was \$27,395 80  
Receipts, from all sources during the year,..... 1,796 39

Making the amount of principal, May 1, 1869,.....\$29,192 19  
From the Income Account, we learn that there was on  
hand, May 1, 1868..... 928 67  
Receipts from all sources..... 2,128 58

Amount paid Annuitants.....\$1,257 50  
Withdrawn under the rules..... 600 00  
3 per cent, of \$3,666 66, carried to the prin-  
cipal under the rules..... 110 00  
Expenses of Management..... 256 18

\$2,223 68

Leaving a balance, May 1, 1869..... 833 57

*Disabled Ministers' Fund :*

Balance on hand, May 1, 1868..... \$1,087 27  
Receipts, from all sources..... 1,282 28

Total..... \$2,369 55  
Appropriated to beneficiaries..... 950 00

Balance, May 1, 1859..... \$1,419 55

While it is pleasant to note an increase in the number of contributing Churches, it appears to your Committee a matter of deep regret that so few of our Churches as yet have given to these funds their confidence and support. It is surely the duty of the Church to care for her aged and disabled ministers, and for the needy widows and orphans of those whose lives have been devoted to her service. But how shall the Churches be aroused to the importance of this duty? Various methods have been suggested to the minds of the Committee, all of which have been carefully considered. Among these plans for reaching the Churches, that which seems most feasible to your Committee is, to work through the Classes. Yet we are at once met by the fact that the subject has again and again been commended to the Classes, and still the matter has failed to receive the attention its importance demands. This may, however, be accounted for, at least in part, by the consideration that the Classical agents who were appointed by direction of Synod, have in most instances been pastors, who were unable, from their very position, to present the matter to the separate Churches. Your Committee, however, believe that this difficulty might be greatly relieved, if not entirely removed, by the selection of one or more efficient elders in each Classis, to solicit funds under the direction of the pastors of the Churches. We believe that such elders may be found in all our Classes, who will be not only active, but successful agents. We recommend the following action :

1. *Resolved*, That it be enjoined upon each Classis connected with this Synod, to see to it, that the claims of the widows and disabled ministers are presented in all the Churches.

2. *Resolved*, That the method of doing this be left to the judgment of the Classis, but that Synod suggests the propriety of engaging the eldership in the work of presenting these claims wherever practicable.

3. *Resolved*, That any collateral aid which it may be in the power of unemployed ministers, especially those whose age and influence are such as to insure the confidence of the Churches, to render to these agents, is *cordially invited* by this Synod.

There is a single feature of the plan of the Widows' Fund, to which the Committee deem it important to call attention.

Under the amended rules, the contributions of the Churches, unless otherwise ordered by the Churches contributing, are added to the principal of the fund. The consequence is that these contributions have but little perceptible influence upon the amount of annuities. It is the view of your Committee that one great reason of the lack of confidence which is manifested by the Churches and Pastors, is the smallness of these annuities. If the sums contributed by the Churches during the last year had been added to the income to be divided among the annuitants, the amount paid to each would have reached nearly the maximum allowed by the rules of the Fund, viz: \$200. With a view, therefore, to enable the Fund to pay to those



who are entitled to receive its benefits, a sum more nearly adequate to meet their necessities, which in some cases are very pressing, and, at the same time, to inspire a larger confidence, your Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That it be recommended to the Churches, in making contributions to the Widows' Fund, to direct the application of their contributions to the income of the Fund, so far as may be necessary to bring the annuities up to the maximum amount.

A memorial has also been placed in the hands of the Committee from the Classis of Wisconsin, upon the subject of establishing a fund to sustain the Emeriti Ministers of our Church, or their widows and orphans, who have no other means of support. The occasion of this paper was the case of a Pastor who, having been declared emeritus, and promised an annuity, was deprived of his expected support by a division of the congregation. As we have already a "Widows' Fund," and a "Fund for Disabled Ministers," your Committee cannot recommend any action looking to the establishment of another. They recommend, however, the following action in reference to the matter of this memorial :

*Resolved*, That the proper course to be pursued in a case of this kind is an application, endorsed by the Classis, for an appropriation from the Disabled Ministers' Fund.

Believing that the Disabled Ministers' Fund has a very special claim upon the liberal coöperation of the Churches, your Committee recommend the following resolutions :

1. *Resolved*, That a standing committee be appointed in each Classis, to whom all applications for aid from the Disabled Ministers' Fund shall be presented. This committee shall send a faithful statement of each case to the Stated Clerk of General Synod before the meeting of Synod, for the use of the Synodical Committee on the Widows' and Disabled Ministers' Funds, which committee shall apportion the money collected during the year for disabled Ministers among the applicants.

2. *Resolved*, That every Church within our bounds be earnestly exhorted to take up an annual collection for the Disabled Ministers' Fund, and that every Pastor be enjoined to present this subject to his consistory, and urge their compliance with this request.

Respectfully submitted,

J. SEARLE,

*Chairman.*

## ARTICLE XX.

### BOARD OF PUBLICATION.

The Fifteenth Annual Report of the Board of Publication was received, and referred to the Committee on Publication, with the ex-



ception of so much as refers to vacancies, which was referred to the Committee on Nominations.

The Report of the Treasurer of the Board of Publication was received, and referred to the Committee on Publication.

The Report of the Committee appointed by the last Synod to confer with the Board of Publication was received, and referred to the Committee on Publication.

The Committee on Publication presented the following report, which was accepted and adopted:

The Committee on Publication respectfully report that the papers referred to them have been carefully examined, viz: the Annual Report of the Board of Publication, through its Corresponding Secretary, and the Report of the Committee appointed by the last Synod under resolutions appearing on page 497 of the Minutes for 1868.

The Report of the Board shows the amount collected during the year ending May 1, 1869, from churches, individuals, and Sabbath schools to be \$6,927 29. Of this amount, \$4,703 03 have been contributed for general purposes, and \$2,224 26 for the endowment. The total collections during the previous year were \$5,812, showing an increase in contributions the past year of \$1,115 29.

The statement of the financial condition of the Board shows its total assets to be \$38,007 15; and total liabilities \$10,836 38; making a balance in its favor of \$27,170 77. The total stock on hand in the Depository amounts to \$30,037 37, which is an increase of \$4,299 44 over the amount on hand at the date of the previous report.

The sales of books, &c., for the year amount to \$15,918 94, of which about half, your Committee are informed, have been the publications of the Board, a proportion somewhat larger than that of last year.

The expense of carrying on the depository amounts to \$3,445 33; salary, &c., of the Corresponding Secretary, \$2,590 97; making a total expense of \$6,036 30.

The main object to be considered in connection with this showing is the position of the Board in relation to the work of the Church, and its adaptedness to carry out the design of its formation.

In the judgment of your Committee, the Board of Publication occupies a different position from that of the other Boards of the Church. It is indeed a benevolent Board, but not in the sense in which they are benevolent. These disburse money with no expectation of a return in kind, while that devotes its main efforts to the strictly business operation of selling books. It is a benevolent work, probably, to sell good books; but it is, after all, an enterprise in which money is used to get money again. It is true a few grants of books, &c., have been made by the Board during the past year,

but these amount to a very inconsiderable fraction of the Board's operations. The business aspect of the Board of Publication should be continually kept in view, not solely, indeed, but mainly, for it is through its business operations that it must attain, if ever, a capability of benevolence. It must make money on its sales for benevolent uses. In proportion as its business operations prosper will it be able to make grants of its publications to feeble churches and schools, and to enrich with its surplus the treasuries of the purely benevolent Boards of the Church. This your Committee conceive to be the true position of the Board of Publication in its relation to the benevolent work of the Church.

A sanctified press is undoubtedly one of the great agencies for the evangelization of the world. This proposition, however, which none will question, does not imply that it is the duty of the Church as such to go into the publishing business. The Board of Publication, as an agency of the Church in carrying forward its operations, does not properly appeal to the churches for sympathy and sustenance on this general ground. Rather it is a part of the machinery of the Church, which needs to be kept in good condition for the harmonious and effective working of the whole. A denominational literature is a great desideratum; to furnish which to the Church is the appropriate work, as it is the first duty of the Board. Thus, the Board is the appropriate agent of the Church in supplying a suitable literature, whether its own publications or those of other houses, to Sabbath school and congregational libraries. Its benevolent functions, as already hinted, consist in gratuitous grants of its own and other publications to churches and mission stations which need the fostering care of the General Synod, as well through this as its Board of Missions. Still further, the province of the Board of Publication is to conduct the business of a publishing and bookselling house in such a way as to make money for the use of the General Synod in such a manner as it shall see fit to ordain.

The condition of the Board up to the present time has not been such as to enable it to discharge these functions, except in part. It is, however, advancing from year to year toward their realization. A denominational literature is gradually growing up under its auspices, and it is increasing its grants of books to feeble church and Sunday school enterprises. These amounted to \$621 the past year, as against \$228 69 the former year. Its financial condition, moreover, is sound, and its stock increasing.

The business of the depository, however, has not been conducted in such a manner as to command the confidence of the churches: and hence the appointment of a committee by the last General Synod to confer with certain bookselling houses in New York in regard to transferring to them, or one of them, the sale of the publications of the Board. This Committee entertained one view on the subject, and the Board another; and the whole matter remains, therefore, in *statu quo*. The Committee say in their report that

they "deem it important that same arrangement should be made by which larger sales could be secured, and the expenses reduced." The cost of selling the publications of the Board is indeed a large per centage of the sales; and it is plain that as a business operation this part of the Board's work is not conducted to the advantage of the Church. Just where the fault, if fault there be, may be, whether in untoward legislation on the affairs of the Board in former years, or somewhere else, it is not for your Committee to say. The fact, however, is sufficiently plain, that the depository costs too much for the work it does. It ought to pay expenses not only, but to gain a surplus for Church work. The way to remedy the defect is not, your Committee think, by abolishing the depository and handing over the business of selling the publications of the Board to some other house, but rather to adopt such measures as shall secure, if possible, the more efficient conduct of its affairs. The discontinuance of the depository would be in effect the abolition of the Board; for without this tangible method of operation it would soon lose the measure of confidence which it now enjoys, and be regarded as most emphatically the fifth wheel of the ecclesiastical wagon. The Church, moreover, needs a headquarters of its own, a place where Ministers and lay brethren may meet together, the whole year round, to exchange fraternal greetings not only, but especially to engage in fraternal conference in regard to the interests and operations of the Church.

As entire reorganization is usually the surest way of remedying chronic inefficiency in almost any institution, your Committee are of the opinion that the entire reorganization of the business of the depository would be most likely to secure the end at which the Synod has been so long aiming. And they are the more inclined to recommend this, inasmuch as a change of some kind will shortly have to be made. Your Committee have learned that the publishing agent of the Board, Mr. Wm. Ferris, is about to engage in the work of the ministry. This will, of course, deprive the Board of his services. Your Committee feel that the Board, in making other arrangements, should keep steadily and solely in view the necessity of making the depository a paying institution, in accordance with the views set forth above. Your Committee therefore recommend the following action:

*Resolved*, That the Board of Publication be instructed to reorganize the business of its depository in such a way as to secure its most efficient conduct, with a view to making it pay expenses not only, but also to gain an increasing surplus, year by year, to be appropriated in such channels of church work as the General Synod shall direct.

*Resolved*, That the General Synod reiterates its recommendation of the Board to the churches for an endowment of \$30,000, whereby the Board may be supplied with an adequate capital for carrying on its work of publication.

*Resolved*, That the special committee appointed by the last Synod

to confer with publishing houses in New York in regard to the sale of the publications of the Board be, according to their request, and hereby are, discharged from further service.

Respectfully submitted.

JAS. DEMAREST, JR.,

*Chairman of Committee.*

The Committee on Nominations having reported, the Synod proceeded to fill the places of those in the Board of Publication whose term of service has expired. On counting the ballots it appeared that the following persons were elected: Rev. A. R. Thompson, John Forsyth, M. B. Riddle, Henry P. Thompson, E. S. Porter (in room of Rev. P. Van Wyck), Messrs. Thomas Jeremiah, David Smith, William Wood, Samuel B. Stewart.

## ARTICLE XXI.

### PARTICULARIA.

Invitations to meet in stated session next year were received from the North Church of Newark, from the First Church of Brooklyn and Church on the Heights jointly, and from the Church in Utica.

It was resolved that the invitation from the North Church of Newark be accepted.

*Resolved*, That the Stated Clerk be directed to have the Roll printed for the use of the members.

The death of the wife of ex-President Hasbrouck, of Rutgers College, having been announced, it was

*Resolved*, That the respectful condolence of General Synod be conveyed by its President to Hon. A. B. Hasbrouck, of Kingston, the venerable ex-President of Rutgers College, on occasion of his sudden bereavement, the announcement of which has this day been made to us.

The Committee on the establishment of a religious newspaper reported progress, and asked for the privilege of adding five members to the Committee.

*Resolved*, That the request be granted.

*Resolved*, That hereafter the annual meetings of the General Synod commence at 3 o'clock, P. M., on the first Wednesday in June.



The Van Benschoten Bequest was read.

*Resolved*, That the office of Permanent Clerk be restored, and that the division of labor be arranged between this officer and the Stated Clerk.

*Resolved*, That the Permanent Clerk be allowed a salary of fifty dollars per annum, and that his necessary expenses while attending the meetings of General Synod be paid.

*Resolved*, That Rev. Paul D. Van Cleef be appointed Permanent Clerk.

*Resolved*, That this General Synod thankfully accepts the gift of the Manual of the Reformed Church in America from the author, Rev. Edward Tanjore Corwin, and it cordially commends this volume as an invaluable repository of the History and Ministerial Biography of our Church.

## [ARTICLE XXII.]

### [BENEVOLENT AND RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS.]

A Committee consisting of Rev. N. Conklin, C. Spaulding, J. H. Suydam, and Elder R. N. Perlee, was appointed to make arrangements for devotional exercises, administration of the Lord's Supper, and to consider applications for the supply of pulpits in the city on the Sabbath.

After the reading of the Minutes on the morning of each day's session, a-half hour was spent in devotional exercises.

An hour was spent on the afternoon of the first day in devotional exercises.

On the afternoon of the second day of the session, after a sermon by Rev. John Forsyth, the sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered.

The Secretaries of the Boards were, in accordance with the rule of the Synod, heard on the morning of the third day of the session, and were followed by the members of Synod in a free interchange of thought and feeling.

A sermon on Benevolence was preached on the evening of the sixth day of the session, by Rev. C. H. Edgar, from Luke, 10:37, "Go and do thou likewise."



Rev. Z. Eddy was chosen Primarius, and Rev. J. McC. Holmes, Secundus, to preach the sermon on Benevolence at the next stated session.

Rev. Joseph Scudder, Secretary of the American and Foreign Christian Union, addressed the Synod in behalf of that Institution.

*Resolved*, That the Synod heartily endorses the American and Foreign Christian Union, and earnestly commends the Society to the benevolence of the Churches,

Rev. W. J. R. Taylor, Secretary of the American Bible Society, presented the claims of that Institution.

*Resolved*, That this Synod has heard, with unfeigned satisfaction, the statements of Rev. W. J. R. Taylor, Corresponding Secretary of the American Bible Society, respecting the work in which that Institution is engaged, and that gratefully recognizing the Divine power which has accompanied the efforts of the Society in the past, it invokes a continuance of the same blessing in the future, and cordially commends it to the sympathy, and prayers, and liberality of the families within its bounds.

A meeting on behalf of Foreign Missions was held on the evening of the seventh day of the session, and which was presided over by Rev. Thomas DeWitt, at which the Missionaries Ballagh, from Japan, Kip, from Amoy, and E. C. Scudder, from India, were present, and at which children from the "Home for Wanderers," by invitation of the Synod, participated in the singing exercises.

*Resolved*, That the Synod urgently recommend to the Churches the observance of the usual Week of Prayer in January.

*Whereas*, The "Bethune Memorial Church," of this city, under the pastorate of the Rev. P. Stryker Talmage, is located in a portion of the city where a church of our order is needed, and in the very flow of the tide of population; and

*Whereas*, Under the smiles of Heaven, it has reached that point when a church edifice seems absolutely necessary for its permanency and enlargement. Therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That this Synod cordially commend this enterprise to the liberal benefactions of our Churches, and especially of those within the city and Classis of Philadelphia.

# TABULAR STATEMENT

*Of the Contributions made during the year ending April 30, 1869, by the several Churches, to the (denominational) Boards and Funds recommended by Synod, each sum comprising the total amount received from each Church, whether by Church collections or otherwise.*

[See Synod's Proceedings, June 1862, p. 212.]

CHURCHES.	Education.	Domestic Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Publication.	Widows' Fund.	Disabled Ministers' Fund.	Church Building Fund.
<b>Classis of Albany.</b>							
First Albany.....	354 96	366 81	2343 83	302 36	.....	.....	1000 00
Second do .....	73 04	422 09	802 31	29 25	.....	.....	96 17
Third do .....	.....	14 29	30 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Fourth do .....	7 00	4 00	9 64	4 00	.....	.....	.....
First Bethlehem.....	50 00	115 48	78 60	100 22	.....	.....	80 00
Second do .....	28 50	41 00	101 00	50 00	.....	.....	.....
Jerusalem .....	20 25	.....	40 85	.....	.....	.....	31 00
Union .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Coeymans .....	13 71	.....	40 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
New Baltimore.....	51 83	15 00	231 15	98 21	.....	.....	.....
New Salem.....	7 00	3 85	27 65	14 60	2 57	.....	40 50
Clarksville.....	.....	.....	15 75	.....	.....	.....	7 50
Westerlo.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Onisquethaw .....	5 00	.....	*	.....	.....	.....	.....
Second Berne.....	8 00	20 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Holland.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
<b>Classis of Arcot.</b>							
<b>Classis of Bergen.</b>							
English Neighborhood.....	11 0 :	12 00	92 06	4 55	.....	25 00	.....
First Hackensack .....	.....	125 00	359 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Schraalenbergh.....	.....	56 33	279 05	23 41	.....	.....	.....
New Durham.....	.....	39 93	179 73	.....	.....	.....	30 00
First Hoboken.....	22 00	22 60	.....	45 86	.....	.....	.....
Third Jersey City.....	34 50	21 50	211 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
North Bergen.....	.....	11 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Second Hackensack.....	8 15	.....	107 50	.....	.....	.....	.....
German, Hoboken.....	.....	23 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
German, Hackensack.....	.....	10 00	4 20	.....	.....	.....	.....
Closter City.....	.....	.....	6 40	.....	.....	.....	.....
Palisades.....	.....	21 10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
<b>S. Classis of Bergen.</b>							
Bergen.....	24 00	144 00	428 95	.....	17 50	17 50	122 00
Belleville.....	16 70	60 39	216 89	.....	14 60	.....	.....
First Jersey City.....	166 86	209 60	1885 80	147 63	76 01	76 01	139 18
Bergen Neck.....	5 00	30 00	13 06	74 52	6 39	.....	.....
First Newark.....	53 14	112 03	900 00	64 05	25 00	.....	147 31
Irrington.....	15 15	21 50	59 53	12 25	.....	.....	11 10
First Van Vorst .....	143 93	105 69	424 73	78 04	16 70	.....	129 93

\*Included in Jerusalem. †Last year.

CHURCHES.	Education.	Domestic Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Publication.	Widows' Fund.	Disabled Ministers' Fund.	Church Building Fund.
<b>S. Bergen Cont'd.</b>							
Second Newark.....	34 00	62 06	184 07	34 08	9 34	9 34	151 86
Bergen Point.....	.....	125 00	150 50	80 00	.....	30 00	*75 00
Franklin.....	9 55	13 08	22 81	.....	.....	.....	.....
German, Jersey City.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
North Newark.....	171 65	450 00	1814 36	61 68	29 29	29 28	500 00
German, Hudson City.....	9 00	17 64	6 92	.....	.....	.....	.....
Lafayette.....	18 50	51 00	250 46	10 10	3 30	10 00	20 25
German, West Newark.....	2 00	.....	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Clinton Avenue.....	.....	40 00	40 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
<b>Classis of Cayuga.</b>							
Canastota.....	.....	.....	10 00	30 00	.....	.....	.....
Chittenango.....	2 00	.....	63 18	21 00	.....	.....	.....
Cicero.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Lysander.....	.....	15 00	25 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Naumburgh.....	.....	8 55	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
New Bremen.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Owasco.....	40 00	20 50	53 66	19 12	.....	.....	.....
Owasco Outlet.....	.....	50 94	141 65	8 00	.....	.....	10 00
Syracuse.....	.....	.....	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Thousand Isles.....	.....	25 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Utica.....	32 12	321 57	656 33	.....	.....	.....	.....
West Leyden.....	5 75	10 25	6 25	.....	.....	.....	.....
First Japan.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
<b>Classis of Geneva.</b>							
Ithaca.....	37 55	13 83	232 97	13 83	.....	12 83	.....
Geneva.....	48 25	84 74	146 46	32 72	.....	8 78	37 03
Farmer Ville.....	21 05	35 10	103 42	.....	.....	.....	.....
Lodi.....	43 25	33 00	91 50	20 00	.....	10 00	18 00
Cato.....	12 00	15 00	10 00	.....	.....	.....	5 00
Caroline.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Arcadia.....	.....	.....	8 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Tyre.....	15 00	.....	22 40	.....	.....	.....	.....
Rochester.....	40 03	12 00	92 00	12 00	.....	.....	.....
Cleveland.....	15 21	22 00	25 00	.....	.....	.....	15 05
Pultneyville.....	10 00	.....	15 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Athens, Pa.....	14 23	13 90	18 90	.....	.....	.....	.....
Wolcott.....	.....	10 00	6 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Clymer.....	16 00	13 00	31 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mina Corners.....	8 00	11 00	16 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Buffalo.....	11 50	10 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Dunkirk.....	.....	10 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
<b>Classis of Greene.</b>							
First Athens.....	.....	18 23	35 49	.....	.....	.....	.....
Second do.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Catskill.....	42 33	23 00	62 00	30 00	14 00	27 00	30 00
First Coxsackie.....	.....	17 00	36 60	.....	.....	.....	.....
Second do.....	22 68	43 73	112 87	93 67	4 65	.....	.....
Kiskatom.....	.....	22 18	43 27	.....	.....	.....	.....
Leeds.....	11 25	33 00	37 75	5 20	2 50	2 50	25 50
Moresville and S. Gilboa.....	.....	.....	17 50	.....	.....	.....	.....
Prattsville.....	34 01	33 60	30 00	51 00	.....	.....	16 41
Roxbury.....	.....	.....	24 00	30 00	.....	.....	8 00
<b>Classis of Holland.</b>							
Drenthe.....	.....	.....	29 20	.....	.....	.....	.....
Grand Rapids.....	.....	15 50	100 00	.....	.....	.....	.....

\* \$10 00 last year,

CHURCHES.	Education.	Domestic Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Publication.	Widows' Fund.	Disabled Ministers' Fund.	Church Building Fund.
<b>Holland Cont'd.</b>							
Grand Haven .....	30 00	50 00	25 00	34 39			
Graafschap .....		4 00	12 50				
First Holland .....			124 00	9 58			
Kalamazoo .....	18 19	32 40	164 10				17 77
Muskegon .....			13 00				
North Holland .....		15 00	10 00				
Overijssel .....	38 49	22 00	70 66	14 00			
Polkton .....		5 00					
Vriesland .....	11 02	11 70	27 38				
Zeeland .....	23 00	10 00	20 00				
Grandville .....	2 75	10 00	5 00				33 20
Third Holland .....	9 50	23 00	70 24				
Ebenezer .....			22 00				
<b>Classis of Hudson.</b>							
Hudson .....	66 00	212 39	1051 15	50 00	25 00	25 00	53 73
First Claverack .....		45 55	373 72		11 50	11 50	
Second Claverack .....	10 00	55 09	505 09	90 04	26 04	40 00	44 90
Lindthgow .....	32 25	64 55	221 19	16 63			
Greenport .....			173 83				
Germantown .....			156 00	54 99	6 50	6 50	
Upper Red Hook .....	20 00	20 00	123 85	48 00			
Taghkanic .....			10 00				
Greenbush .....	20 00	*50 00	80 40				
<b>Classis of Illinois.</b>							
Fair View .....	12 00	18 42	140 76		8 23	6 35	5 37
Pekin .....	11 50		15 00			11 25	
Vanderveer .....							
Spring Lake .....	7 00	5 00	23 80				7 00
Raritan .....	3 60		24 25	3 60			26 50½
Bushnell .....	3 08	6 03	10 50				
Davenport .....	27 65	41 45	43 20	6 25			5 85
Whitehall .....							
Second Pella .....	11 65	8 00	11 00	3 00		5 00	8 00
Havana .....							
First Pella .....	25 80	43 30	80 40	5 00	26 75	25 05	32 85
Bethel .....	4 50	13 00	18 00				19 00
Leyden Centre .....		20 00					
Norris .....		4 00					
<b>Classis of Kingston.</b>							
Bloomington .....	12 00		20 75				
The Clove .....	45 00	27 00	52 00	40 00			25 00
Dashville Falls .....	4 70		15 00				
Guilford .....	22 75	30 00	83 00				
Hurley .....	20 00	35 28	150 23	9 60			23 00
Second Ch. of Kingston .....	57 30	225 57	547 02	23 00			59 89
Marbletown .....	11 30		15 00	35 75			
New Paltz .....	147 00	188 23	451 93	6 15	20 00	8 33	44 34
North Ch. Marbletown .....		22 57	65 13				17 25
Rochester .....	34 69	14 16	127 92	7 85			4 76½
Rosendale .....			41 00	14 19			
Samsonville .....		3 25	9 00				
<b>N. Cl. Long Island.</b>							
Jamaica .....	43 77	42 00	179 86	82 36			
Newtown .....	101 80	28 51	210 41	16 25			32 03

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<b>N. L. Island Cont'd.</b>							
Oyster Bay.....	33 77	26 47	62 31	.....	.....	.....	231 06
North Hempstead.....	10 00	10 75	14 64	12 07	.....	11 00	8 50
Williamsburgh.....	.....	65 00	47 93	.....	.....	.....	.....
Astoria.....	85 00	64 00	312 00	16 50	14 00	14 67	48 28
Greenpoint.....	57 06	45 00	206 61	34 07	25 67	28 73	.....
Flushing.....	50 76	60 00	85 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
South Bushwick.....	.....	18 50	52 85	34 00	.....	.....	.....
Lee Avenue.....	.....	.....	153 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
East Williamsburgh.....	.....	.....	35 00	14 70	.....	.....	.....
Queens.....	12 00	52 65	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Second Newtown.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 00
Second Astoria.....	5 00	5 00	5 00	.....	.....	.....	36 00
Ger. Evan. Brooklyn, E. D.	10 00	20 00	55 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Sayville.....	5 00	7 50	6 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
<b>S. Cl. Long Island.</b>							
Brooklyn.....	250 00	485 16	4281 37	135 05	75 00	75 00	76 50
Flatbush.....	750 86	765 54	1641 72	689 75	.....	.....	60 15
New Utrecht.....	37 00	336 00	779 31	56 63	19 37	.....	40 42
Gravesend.....	21 50	51 90	258 11	69 63	.....	.....	22 00
Flatlands.....	15 13	87 65	331 32	9 71	6 43	6 43	44 00
New Lots.....	30 16	30 36	688 09	.....	15 00	10 00	12 20
East New York.....	29 00	60 20	259 12	36 00	14 00	14 00	42 04
South Brooklyn.....	27 05	6 40	172 81	9 15	4 83	4 83	7 49
Middle Brooklyn.....	.....	*50 00	255 45	.....	.....	.....	.....
North Gowanus.....	39 24	71 20	53 31	14 29	.....	.....	11 08
North Brooklyn.....	85 16	67 44	296 25	30 00	.....	.....	.....
Church on the Heights.....	647 01	754 27	4663 07	181 18	26 71	26 71	158 24
New Brooklyn.....	13 00	37 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
East Brooklyn.....	.....	33 00	34 00	.....	.....	.....	25 00
<b>Classis of Michigan.</b>							
Battle Creek.....	12 00	12 50	12 00	6 00	.....	.....	24 00
Centreville.....	10 50	.....	20 30	.....	.....	.....	.....
Constantine.....	.....	15 22	37 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Grand Rapids.....	10 00	22 32	64 32	15 00	.....	12 00	.....
Hope.....	32 33	29 33	49 01	.....	.....	.....	33 04
Jefferson and Pittsford.....	.....	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 00
Macon.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mottville.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Porter.....	.....	2 78	2 12	.....	.....	.....	.....
South Bend.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
South Macon.....	.....	10 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 50
<b>Cl. of Monmouth.</b>							
First Freehold.....	23 41	24 00	78 30	.....	.....	.....	51 40
Second Freehold.....	75 00	62 56	139 39	50 00	.....	.....	38 68
Holmdel.....	64 00	51 50	229 90	12 00	.....	12 77	169 00
Spotswood.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Middletown.....	.....	.....	89 05	.....	.....	.....	.....
Keyport.....	.....	17 50	70 39	.....	.....	.....	.....
Long Branch.....	20 00	25 57	31 00	16 14	.....	.....	.....
Colt's Neck.....	4 46	10 21	17 09	.....	.....	.....	4 25
<b>Cl. of Montgomery.</b>							
Auriesville.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Caughnawaga.....	20 00	30 00	55 00	10 00	.....	.....	.....

\*Individual.



CHURCHES.	Education.	Domestic Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Publication	Widows' Fund.	Disabled Ministers' Fund.	Church Building Fund.
<b>Montgomery cont'd.</b>							
Canajoharie.....	.....	.....	7 50				
Columbia.....	.....	.....	18 00				
Currytown.....	.....	.....					
Ephratah.....	.....	22 00	34 00	6 50			
Florida.....	1 00	.....	15 00				
Fort Plain.....	.....	.....					
Fort Herkimer.....	.....	.....					
Fultonville.....	.....	.....					
Glen.....	26 40	40 00	94 00	.....	.....	.....	14 00
Hageman's Mills.....	15 60	28 53	34 15	8 00			
Henderson.....	.....	.....					
Herkimer.....	.....	.....	25 00				
Ilion.....	.....	.....					
Indian Castle.....	.....	.....					
Manheim.....	8 60	8 60	25 00	8 60			
Mapletown.....	.....	.....					
Mohawk.....	.....	.....					
Port Jackson.....	6 50	7 30	.....	7 35			
St. Johnsville.....	17 90	26 00	42 30				
Stone Arabia.....	.....	2 50	2 50	2 00			
Spraker's Basin.....	.....	.....					
Tillaborough.....	.....	.....					
<b>Cl. New Brunswick.</b>							
First New Brunswick.....	112 00	384 50	408 39	67 39	.....	100 00	46 09
Six Mile Run.....	58 00	205 00	537 40	29 00	20 00	.....	144 25
Hillsborough.....	37 27	30 11	196 75	5 00	.....	.....	53 60
Middlebush.....	36 17	102 50	215 00	12 00	12 70	.....	
Griggstown.....	10 00	75 00	187 00	8 50	17 00	.....	
Second New Brunswick.....	136 10	206 86	1424 12	70 74	52 00	.....	83 96
Bound Brook.....	.....	.....					
Third New Brunswick.....	.....	.....					
East Millstone.....	.....	51 78	191 97	18 03	.....	.....	54 52
Metuchen.....	10 00	25 00	80 75	6 97			
<b>Cl. of New York.</b>							
New York (Collegiate).....	1332 74	1607 30	4664 14	502 05	49 14	154 13	902 60
Thirty-fourth Street.....	78 07	100 00	270 00	47 91	.....	41 05	150 00
St. Paul's.....	50 00	91 30	337 63	24 83	.....	.....	
N. W. Twenty-Th'd Street.....	204 37	210 94	2777 80	230 57	.....	.....	1337 44
Ger. Evan. Missionary Ch.....	25 00	65 00	248 00	15 00	10 00	10 00	20 00
Bloomington.....	.....	.....					
Harlem.....	57 80	280 00	450 00	46 25	15 28	15 28	
Washington Heights.....	.....	.....					
Mott Haven.....	.....	17 61	18 85				
Staten Island.....	38 13	85 00	120 00	29 75	21 61	21 13	*30 00
Richmond, S. I.....	11 86	20 00	26 30				
Ch. of the Huguenots, S. I.....	4 25	29 84	18 35	3 00	.....	.....	4 78
Fourth German.....	.....	.....	20 00				
Prospect Hill.....	.....	40 00	50 00				
Holland.....	.....	5 78	14 66				
South Dutch.....	433 27	377 15	3206 02				
South New Haven.....	.....	.....					
<b>S. Cl. of New York.</b>							
Stapleton.....	.....	.....					
Brighton Heights.....	85 00	260 78	174 15	19 45	14 00	14 10	
Market Street.....	.....	.....					
Washington Square.....	25 00	223 34	590 22	.....	.....	.....	86 44

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S. Cl. N. Y. cont'd.							
Manhattan.....							
Bushwick.....		25 75	32 65				
Union Reformed, 6th Ave.			43 40				
German.....			10 00				
Classis of Orange.							
Berea.....	22 00	32 00		6 00	4 00	4 00	
Bloomington.....		35 45	30 00			13 00	
Cuddebackville.....	8 55	19 00	15 85	8 10			
Deer Park.....	56 15	191 40	515 12	44 54			*32 00
Ellenville.....	20 25	40 10	145 10				*193 00
Fallsburgh.....	13 45	55 80	259 50				
Grahamville.....		16 00					
Jefferson.....							
Mamakating.....							
Middleport.....							
Milesville.....							
Minisink.....	14 15	9 40	10 50				
Montgomery.....		207 01	1009 39				
Newburgh.....		34 84	387 32	51 71			
New Hurley.....	24 75	51 10	50 10	50 00			
New Prospect.....	3 10	7 30	8 60	4 00			
Shawangunk.....	35 00	22 65	97 09	6 63			4 60
Thumansville.....		9 00					
Upper Neversink.....		4 00					
Walden.....	26 00	78 00	291 90	75 00			34 48
Walpack (Upper).....	10 25	18 16					13 00
Walpack (Lower).....		21 00	30 25	17 30			
Wawarsing.....	10 78	29 00	38 00				
Classis of Paramus.							
Clarkstown.....	36 08	104 60	191 93	22 05	\$100 contributed by the Classis.		
Tappan.....	28 15	52 91	70 65	10 00			
Acquacknonk.....	121 85	119 32	703 10	127 42			
Second Totowa.....	25 00	24 00	264 38	30 00			
Paramus.....	20 08	26 52	91 89				
Pascack.....			54 70	8 15			
Saddle River.....	8 20	8 50	35 76				6 25
Ramapo.....			20 63				
West New Hempstead.....	29 50	53 28	162 11	30 00			22 98
Warwick.....	29 00	127 00	41 00				
Nyack.....	11 34	16 88	66 78	11 76			41 00
Piermont.....	62 00	42 00	140 00				
First Holland, Paterson.....		6 00	4 00				
Holland Lodi.....							
Broadway, Paterson.....	32 31	33 00	71 00				
Second Holland, Paterson.....		10 00	10 00				
Spring Valley.....	31 83	77 81	12 42				
Classis of Passaic.							
Boardville, (M. S.).....	15 00	12 00	20 00			10 00	10 00
Fairfield.....							
Little Falls.....							
Montville.....	10 00	28 00	50 50			10 00	
Sixth Paterson.....	10 00	10 00					
Pompton Plains.....		73 75	179 32				21 00
Pompton.....	56 50	50 00	128 50	83 65		20 25	19 19
Ponds.....			6 00				
Preakness.....			26 00				

\*Last year.

CHURCHES.	Education.	Domestic Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Publication.	Widows' Fund.	Disabled Ministers' Fund.	Church Building Fund.
<b>Passaic cont'd.</b>							
Stone House Plains.....	13 00	13 24	28 40				
Boonton.....		20 00					
First Church Totowa.....	100 00	40 80	124 36	23 78	23 78	.....	23 70
Wyckoff.....	10 00	9 00	30 00	8 00	4 00		
<b>Cl. of Philadelphia.</b>							
Harlingen.....		71 00	133 30				
Readington.....			348 39				
Ne-Shanic.....	40 00	153 63	117 00				
First Church Philadelphia.....		43 00	363 00				
Second Church ".....		117 85	313 50				
Third Church ".....	85 50	132 33	230 92				
N. and South Hampton ..	26 20	36 82	177 00	8 50			
Blawenburgh.....	35 00	105 00	250 00				
Stanton.....			20 15				
Manayunk.....	9 00	11 10	12 00				
Rocky Hill.....	12 78	50 19	95 98				410 00
Fourth Philadelphia.....		3 00	6 00				
Clover Hill.....		15 00	50 00				
Addisville.....		30 00	91 16				
Bethune Memorial.....							
<b>Cl. of Poughkeepsie</b>							
First Poughkeepsie.....	28 23	136 25	341 72	50 00			
Second Poughkeepsie.....	52 24	197 26	478 58	95 87	40 10	.....	269 41
Fishkill.....	185 00	61 11	211 31				
Hopewell.....	33 40	45 08	303 63				54 00
New Hackensack.....	23 00	37 70	157 65	10 00	10 00	9 00	13 50
Fishkill-on-Hudson.....		100 00	310 48	110 00			
Rhinebeck.....	93 87	235 43	56 55	35 50		25 00	32 21
Hyde Park.....		16 90	50 00	30 05			12 22
Glenham.....	15 00	40 00	91 17				
Cold Spring.....		27 00	13 00				
Mill Brook.....			288 00				39 41
<b>Classis of Raritan.</b>							
First Raritan.....		65 01	*10 00	104 99			
Bedminster.....	71 55	93 45	308 25	67 80			
Rockaway.....	10 00	25 76	163 50				
Lebanon.....			100 00				
North Branch.....	30 00	30 00	264 73	16 00			
Second Raritan.....	130 15	80 00	237 60	50 35			
Peapack.....	11 16	25 00	121 00				15 50
Branchville.....	65 00		141 50	40 00			
Third Raritan.....	27 00	125 00	152 25	19 00	9 00	9 00	
Easton.....	70 00	58 80	282 10	52 00			
Warren.....		5 00					
Plainfield.....				15 00			
Central Plainfield.....		35 00	35 00				
Pottersville.....			121 00				
High Bridge.....							
Clinton Station.....		15 00					
<b>Cl. of Rensselaer.</b>							
Blooming Grove.....			21 00				20 50
Castleton.....	47 84	44 86	117 10				
Chatham.....			136 10				
First Ghent.....		10 00	55 00				

\*Individual.

†Last year.

CHURCHES.	Education.	Domestic Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Publication.	Widows' Fund.	Disabled Ministers' Fund.	Church Building Fund.
<b>Rensselaer cont'd.</b>							
Second Ghent.....	25 00	.....	25 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	
Greenbush.....	63 12	.....	35 50	31 30	.....	.....	20 08
Kinderhook.....	49 37	105 37	724 61	68 76	.....	.....	
Nassau.....	30 01	.....	110 00	66 90	.....	.....	
New Concord.....	20 76	10 00	25 00	1 18	3 00	10 00	2 00
Schodack.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Schodack Landing.....	41 70	19 75	67 31	28 00	.....	.....	.....
Stuyvesant.....	10 25	21 00	190 00	.....	.....	10 60	12 20
Stuyvesant Falls.....	5 00	6 00	20 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
<b>Cl. of Saratoga.</b>							
West Troy.....	.....	21 53	184 14	.....	.....	.....	.....
South West Troy.....	.....	25 00	45 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Wynantskill.....	10 50	11 50	25 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Boght.....	5 00	24 40	7 00	.....	.....	.....	17 33
Rensselaer.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 67
Waterford.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Cohoes.....	.....	92 87	100 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Union Village.....	.....	20 92	33 25	.....	.....	.....	.....
Saratoga.....	.....	.....	55 50	14 00	.....	.....	37 50
Buskirk's.....	20 00	.....	40 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Easton.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6 80
Schaghticoke.....	.....	13 00	25 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Northumberland.....	40 00	10 00	100 00	10 00	10 00	30 00	.....
Gansevoort.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Fort Miller.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 75
Jackson.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
<b>Cl. of Schenectady.</b>							
First Church Schenectady.....	.....	147 40	250 50	.....	13 75	13 75	22 50
Second do.....	5 00	7 10	8 25	.....	4 80	.....	5 50
Third do.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
First Church Glenville.....	7 13	40 11	133 50	6 25	5 50	3 50	8 50
Second do.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
First Church Rotterdam.....	5 00	12 00	51 10	.....	15 50	.....	.....
Second do.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Helderberg.....	.....	.....	*10 00	21 27	.....	.....	100 00
Amity.....	10 00	22 00	82 00	7 00	.....	.....	.....
Niskayuna.....	9 00	37 10	55 00	16 00	.....	.....	6 00
Lisha's Kill.....	.....	48 21	96 00	9 00	.....	.....	.....
Princetown.....	.....	.....	16 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Day.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 81
<b>Classis of Schoharie</b>							
Schoharie.....	.....	11 87	75 00	30 00	8 00	.....	.....
Middleburgh.....	27 00	124 61	113 38	26 04	4 50	4 50	17 31
Bern.....	1 00	62 81	127 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Beaver Dam.....	.....	19 06	10 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Gallupville.....	.....	10 00	35 00	5 00	.....	3 00	5 84
Knox.....	5 00	10 00	47 60	4 00	.....	.....	.....
Gilboa.....	.....	18 17	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Lawyerville.....	.....	.....	8 55	3 00	.....	.....	.....
Sharon.....	.....	.....	8 50	.....	.....	.....	.....
North Blenheim.....	10 00	.....	3 20	.....	.....	.....	.....
Breakabin.....	.....	.....	2 75	.....	.....	.....	.....
Schoharie Mountain.....	.....	.....	6 23	.....	.....	.....	.....
Eminence.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

\*Sabbath School.

CHURCHES.	Education.	Domestic Missions.	Foreign Missions	Publication.	Widows' Fund.	Disabled Ministers' Fund.	Church Building Fund.
<b>Classis of Ulster.</b>							
Blue Mountain.....	19 34	13 21	61 76	14 60			
Catsbaan.....		45 00	80 00				
Esopus.....		47 57	26 50	27 00			
Flatbush.....	25 00	31 44	82 03				7 36
First Kingston.....	30 50	207 83	732 44	35 75	28 62		26 57
North Esopus.....		80 00	201 00	22 41			
Plattekill.....	14 42	9 25	9 25				
Saugerties.....	172 60	202 74	424 21				
Shokan.....							
Shandaken.....							
St. Remy.....			24 89				
West Hurley.....			52 03				
Woodstock.....	10 04	6 00	43 36				
Wiltwick.....	4 16	4 16					
<b>Cl. of Westchester.</b>							
Bronxville.....		40 00	100 00				
Cortlandtown.....			19 54				
Fordham.....	26 12	12 00	120 84	32 00			
Greenburg.....			6 35				
Greenville.....		13 45	21 00	11 00			
Hastings.....			227 25				
Melrose.....		34 00	15 00				
Mount Vernon.....	31 44	29 65	370 31				
Peekskill.....	10 00	25 24	38 86	10 00	11 38	11 88	5 31
Tarrytown, First.....	26 50	84 57	245 23	66 65			34 49
Tarrytown, Second.....	100 00	58 36	322 59	43 03			
Unionville.....	33 25		28 00				
West Farms.....	10 00		41 80				
White Plains.....							
Yonkers.....	50 49	36 02	353 32	7 35		64 49	6 95
<b>Cl. of Wisconsin.</b>							
Franklin.....							
Bethlehem.....							
Holland.....			61 41				
Oosburg.....	6 06	22 84	27 63				
Sheboygan Falls.....							
Gibbsville.....		19 50					
Alto.....							
Milwaukee.....	8 17	23 42	44 70				
First Chicago.....			25 00				
Second Chicago.....	6 90	72 64	82 31				
High Prairie.....	10 00	15 00	31 00				
Low Prairie.....			34 00				
North Creek.....							
Silver Creek.....	17 00		31 15				
Eden.....		6 00					
Forreston.....		10 00	26 00				
Fulton.....			6 00				
Two Rivers.....		14 50	4 00				
York, Minnesota.....							



## ARTICLE XXIII.

## PASTORAL LETTER.

THE GENERAL SYNOD TO THE MINISTERS, ELDERS, DEACONS, AND BRETHREN, OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN AMERICA: GRACE TO YOU AND PEACE, FROM GOD OUR FATHER, AND THE LORD JESUS CHRIST.

We have heard, dearly beloved, with unfeigned joy, of your steadfastness in the faith; of your unity and fellowship in the Spirit; of your zeal and diligence in every good work; of the riches of your liberality; and of your tender and constant affection to the Church of God, which was first planted by the Apostles and afterwards restored to its primitive purity by the noble Reformers. We thank the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for your filial and devoted attachment to that branch of the Church Catholic which bears the title of Reformed. It is not the offspring of human invention; it is not the growth of a day; it has passed through the fiery trials of many centuries, and has been found as gold which the furnace may purify but cannot destroy. Our doctrines are those of Protestant Christendom; our polity and discipline are in strict accordance with the New Testament; and our order of worship has come down to us essentially unchanged from the first age of the glorious Reformation.

Doubtless this Church is ordained of God to a high and beneficent mission on this continent. And it is an indispensable prerequisite to the fulfillment of that mission, that her ministers and members should clearly understand and justly appreciate her distinctive denominational peculiarities. To one or two of these we would, at this time, call your candid and thoughtful attention.

1. The Reformed Church has always been distinguished for its solicitude and care for the right nurture of the children and youth within its pale. It asserts, as a fundamental principle, that our children, though fallen in Adam, are sanctified in Christ, and therefore, as members of His Church, are entitled to Holy Baptism. This being assumed, the Church treats her baptized children with tender affection, as the visible children of God, and heirs of salvation. She puts into their mouth the language of appropriating faith, of adoption, and of joyous hope. She teaches them to claim God as their Father, Christ as their Saviour, and the Holy Ghost as their Sanctifier and Comforter. Now it is this which distinguishes our excellent Catechism from most other Protestant manuals of the same class. The aim of the Catechism is to develop gracious dispositions already implanted by the Spirit of God. It is, therefore, full of tenderness and comfort. Its form, though not severely scholastic, like that of some other manuals, is sufficiently logical for all purposes

of instruction. When properly used, far from being gloomy and repulsive to the youthful mind, it is singularly genial and attractive.

Now we have reason to fear, not only that our Catechism is, in many congregations, falling into disuse, but that the systematic instruction of children and youth, in the doctrines of grace, is widely neglected. It is feared that many parents, pastors, and ruling elders, have delegated this duty to Sunday school teachers, and that the majority of the latter are averse even to the occasional use of the Catechism as a text-book. We need not say, brethren, that we would by no means have the Catechism supplant the Bible in the family, the Sunday school, or the pulpit. The principle that the Word of God is the only infallible rule of faith and practice, is the corner-stone of our Protestantism. Let the Bible, therefore, have the supreme place in every scheme of Christian education; but next to the Bible, let us place the Catechism as the best and wisest summary of revealed truth.

A course of instruction based on the Catechism, will not fail to arm the youthful Christian against those baneful errors which, like a flood, have overspread the world in these perilous times, and which threaten to sweep away all who are not grounded and settled in the truth, from the foundation of Apostles and Prophets, and from the chief Corner-stone, Christ. Let the doctrine which is according to godliness, pre-occupy, not only the memory, but the heart and conscience of the rising generation, and they shall be saved from the apostasy and "the great tribulation" of the latter days. "When the Son of Man cometh, shall He find faith upon the earth?"

We therefore exhort you, dearly beloved, to employ with diligence the admirable means of spiritual nurture which the Church of your fathers has put into your hands. Let every Minister, not only explain the Catechism in order from the pulpit, on the Lord's Day, but let him appoint set times for catechising the children and youth under his care. And let the elders not only require this of the minister, but according to their best ability, countenance and assist him therein. *Let parents set apart some portion of each Lord's Day for the instruction of their children*, encouraging and requiring them to commit to memory every question and answer of the Catechism. We recommend, too, that one Lord's day in each month be given by every Sunday school to the study of the Catechism. From such systematic, thorough, and patient instruction, we anticipate the most happy results.

2. The Reformed Church is also distinguished by the peculiar character of its worship. While it has always encouraged free prayer, and is therefore widely separated from the rigidly liturgical Churches whose canons and rubrics repress the spontaneous and glowing affections of true spiritual worship, it has provided for the most solemn occasions appropriate forms as a safe-guard against the crude, extemporaneous effusions of ignorance, error, and fanaticism. Our sacramental offices are eminently sober, scriptu-

ral and edifying. Besides they set forth, with singular clearness, those great truths which underlie the ordinances of the Lord's House. They witness most impressively to the expiatory virtue of our Lord's sufferings and death, and thus rebuke the rationalistic heresies which have already entrenched themselves in some churches which were once accounted evangelical. We believe that it was never more important than now, to connect with the administration of the Lord's Supper an explicit statement of the doctrine that our Lord offered to divine justice a true vicarious sacrifice for His people. Any minister who shrinks from such a statement is out of place in our Reformed Church, and is bound in honor, as well as in conscience, to withdraw from her communion. This we say, beloved, in the full persuasion that our body is not, as yet, infected with deadly Socinian errors; but seeing the wolf coming we cannot, as faithful shepherds, refrain from sounding the alarm. We earnestly exhort you to cleave to those scriptural and time-honored forms which assert with such emphasis and pathos the redeeming work of Christ. We solemnly enjoin it on all our ministers and elders to see to it that our noble Liturgy is used, on all prescribed occasions, with such deliberation, reverence and devotion, that it shall continue to be, as it has been in former ages, a lively means of grace to all our people.

It is possible that the diction of these venerable forms may be improved, and perhaps they may, with advantage, be somewhat abridged; but let no minister presume to mutilate, change, or set them aside at the suggestion of his own private taste and judgment. The General Synod has appointed a Committee to revise the Liturgy, and till that Committee shall have completed its work, and till that work shall have been accepted and approved by the Synod, let the prescribed order of worship be sacredly maintained in all our congregations.

We would also earnestly recommend that, in the ordinary worship of the sanctuary, all the people be encouraged to praise God with heart and voice in the united singing of authorized psalms and hymns. We cannot sufficiently deplore the tendency in many of our Churches, to delegate this important part of worship to a few hired performers, the majority of whom make no profession of piety. We regard the use of light, operatic, secular music in the sanctuary as an awful desecration of the Lord's Day, and of divine worship. Let this evil be banished from our churches. To aid you in this needed reform, the Synod formerly authorized the "Book of Praise," and now recommends to your favor the "Hymns of the Church, with tunes," a book which has been compiled with the special design of promoting congregational singing. We exhort you also to provide for the instruction of our children and youth in sacred music, and to impress it upon their minds as *a duty* to praise God in the great congregation. It would, we believe, greatly promote the animation and freedom of congregational singing, if the people

would *stand up* when they praise God. Sitting or reclining is not the natural and appropriate posture of praise.

We have in this epistle, dearly beloved, called your attention to certain external duties and points of order in the Church; but we do not forget that the form of godliness is of no avail if the life and power be wanting. It is our fervent prayer to Almighty God, that ye may be filled with the Spirit and made fruitful in all good works. We especially long for the plentiful effusion of the Holy Ghost on all our congregations, that our beloved Church may "look forth as the morning, fair as the moon, clear as the sun, and terrible as an army with banners." We earnestly entreat you to unite your prayers with ours, not only in the Sabbath assembly, but in the closet, that the God of our fathers will look down from heaven, and behold, and visit this vine, and the vineyard which His right hand planted of old, and the branch which He made strong for Himself.

Now the God of peace that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do His will, working in you that which is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever, Amen.

ZACHARY EDDY,  
W. T. ENYARD,  
N. H. VAN ARSDALE,  
THEO. F. CORNELL, M. D.,  
JAMES U. EMERICK,

*Committee.*

CHARLES H. STITT,  
*President of Synod.*

#### ARTICLE XXIV.

##### SYNODICAL ARCHIVES.

*Resolved,* That the Committee appointed by General Synod in 1866 in reference to preservation of documents relating to the past history of the Church, be continued, with power to add to their number.

*Resolved,* That the Committee be directed to request any Minister of our Church, or other person, who has written a historical work connected with the Church, to send a copy of the same to the Theological School at New Brunswick, for preservation in the Library of that Institution.



## ARTICLE XXV.

## ACCOUNTS.

It was resolved that the expenses of the Committee on calling a National Council, for printing circulars and thirteen dollars and fifty cents for traveling expenses be paid.

*Resolved*, That the expenses of the Committee to secure legislative action on the change of name of the Church, amounting to eleven dollars and twenty-five cents, be paid.

The Committee on Accounts presented the following report, which was accepted and adopted :

The Committee on Accounts would respectfully report that the Particular Synod of Chicago is represented by thirteen delegates, viz : three from the Classis of Michigan, four from the Classis of Illinois, three from the Classis of Holland, and three from the Classis of Wisconsin.

According to the rule of Synod they are entitled to traveling expenses, as follows, viz. :

Three delegates from Michigan Classis, \$28 each.....	\$84
“ “ “ Illinois “ 36 “ .....	108
“ “ “ Holland “ 28 “ .....	84
“ “ “ Wisconsin “ 32 “ .....	96
Total.....	<hr/> \$372

The following bills have been presented to the Committee :

J. B. Lippincott & Co., stationery.....	\$10 55
Sherman & Co., 200 tickets of nominations .....	5 00
John Linerd, stationery.....	7 07
Sherman & Co., 250 copies of Roll of Synod....	10 00
Doorkeeper's bill.....	26 90
Total.....	<hr/> \$59 52

By the rule of the Synod of 1868, it is the duty of the Committee on Accounts to present a detailed estimate of all contingent expenses for the current year. The following is the estimate of the Treasurer of the General Synod for the present year :

Traveling expenses of delegates in attending the meeting of Synod.....	\$325
Traveling expenses of Corresponding Delegates.....	200
Salary and traveling expenses of Stated Clerk.....	175
“ “ “ Permanent Clerk.....	51
Expenses at the meeting of Synod.....	60
Sundries.....	150
Total.....	<hr/> \$961



The Committee recommend that the delegates from the Particular Synod of Chicago be paid the sum to which each is entitled from the Contingent Fund of General Synod, and also that the items of the above bills, amounting to \$59 52, be paid.

The Committee, in accordance with the resolution of the last General Synod, also recommend that the estimated contingent expenses be apportioned by the Treasurer to the several Classes, that of Arcot being excepted.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. N. VOORHEES,

*Chairman.*

## ARTICLE XXVI.

### RESUMPTION AND CLOSE.

*Resolved*, That the Stated Clerk be authorized to publish the usual number of copies of the Minutes of this Synod, duly authenticated, and to distribute among the Classes the number of copies ordered by them, and that the price of each copy be printed on the cover.

*Resolved*, That the hearty thanks of General Synod be and hereby are tendered to the Consistory of the First Reformed Church of Philadelphia for the use of their Church, and to them, their pastor and the members of the congregation, and to the many other kind friends in and near the city, who have so hospitably provided for the comfort and enjoyment of the members of Synod during its session, and we pray that temporal and spiritual blessings be richly multiplied unto them.

*Resolved*, That the Synod hereby thanks the Superintendent and children of the Little Wanderer's Home for the interesting part they took in the Missionary services.

On calling the roll, it appeared that S. Waldron was absent without permission.

The Minutes were read and approved.

## ARTICLE XXVII.

Synod adjourned, to meet in the North Reformed Church in Newark, on the first Wednesday in June, 1870, at three o'clock, P.

M., and was closed with singing and prayer and the pronouncing of the Apostolic Benediction by the President.

CHARLES H. STITT, *President.*

G. TALMAGE, *Adressor.*

DAVID S. SUTPHEN, }  
SAMUEL J. ROGERS, } *Clerks pro tem.*

Official copy from the original minutes :

DAVID D. DEMAREST, *Stated Clerk.*

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## Presidents of General Synod.

YEAR	PRESIDENTS	FROM WHAT STATE	PLACE OF MEETING
1794—	Rev. William Linn.....	New York.....	Albany, N. Y.
1797—	Rev. Dirck Romeyn.....	".....	New York.
1800—	Rev. Ira Condict.....	New Jersey.....	Albany.
1803—	Rev. John H. Livingston.....	New York.....	Poughkeepsie, N. Y.
1806—	Rev. James V. C. Romeyn.....	New Jersey.....	Albany.
1809—	Rev. Nicholas Lansing.....	New York.....	New York.
1812—	Rev. Jacob Sickles.....	".....	Albany.
1814—	Rev. John M. Bradford.....	".....	New York.
1815—	Rev. John Schureman.....	New Jersey.....	Albany.
1816—	Rev. Jacob Brodhead.....	Pennsylvania.....	New York.
1817—	Rev. Cornelius D. Westbrook.....	New York.....	Albany.
1818—	Rev. William McMurray.....	".....	New York.
1819—	Rev. John M. Bradford.....	".....	Albany.
1820—	Rev. James S. Cannon.....	New Jersey.....	New York.
1821—	Rev. Selah S. Woodhull.....	New York.....	Albany.
1822—	Rev. Phillip Milledoler.....	".....	New York.
1823—	Rev. Jesse Fonda.....	".....	Albany.
1824—	Rev. Thomas De Witt.....	".....	New York.
1825—	Rev. Jacob Brodhead.....	Pennsylvania.....	Albany.
1826—	Rev. John Ludlow.....	New York.....	New York.
1827—	Rev. Cornelius C. Cuyler.....	".....	Philadelphia, Pa.
1828—	Rev. Jacob Schoonmaker.....	".....	Albany.
1829—	Rev. John Knox.....	".....	New York.
1830—	Rev. Wilhelmus Eltinge.....	New Jersey.....	New Brunswick, N. J.
1831—	Rev. John Gosman.....	New York.....	Albany.
1832—	Rev. Isaac Ferris.....	".....	New York.
1833—	Rev. Jacob J. Janeway.....	".....	Schenectady, N. Y.
1834—	Rev. Sam. A. Van Vranken.....	New Jersey.....	New York.
1835—	Rev. Robert Bronk.....	New York.....	Philadelphia.
1836—	Rev. Thomas M. Strong.....	".....	Albany.
1837—	Rev. Isaac N. Wyckoff.....	".....	New York.
1838—	Rev. Benjamin C. Taylor.....	New Jersey.....	Albany.
1839—	Rev. George W. Bethune.....	Pennsylvania.....	Philadelphia.
1840—	Rev. James Murphy.....	New York.....	New York.
1841—	Rev. James Romeyn.....	".....	Albany.
1842—	Rev. James B. Hardenberg.....	".....	New York.

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# REPORT.

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Your Board of Education respectfully presents to General Synod the following Report of the various interests committed to their care during the year, beginning May 1st, 1868, and ending April 30, 1869.

## I. STUDENTS FOR THE MINISTRY.

The total number of young men under the care of the Board, during the year, was fifty-eight. Six of these graduated from the Theological Seminary in May, 1868, and received license from their Classes. Four of the six are now usefully employed in the pastoral charges to which they were soon called. Two have been sent by the Board of Foreign Missions to aid our brethren in China and Japan. Of those who remain under our care, ten have pursued their studies in the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick. Ten have been connected with the theological classes under the care of Synod's Professor at Holland. Twenty-one have been connected with the various classes in Rutgers College. Three have studied at Hope College. One has been permitted, for reasons connected with his family and church relations, to study at the College of New York City. Eleven have been in preparation for College at the Grammar School at New Brunswick. Twenty one have been received under our care, on proper recommendation of their Classes during the year. The name of one has been dropped from our roll, on account of his marriage. The number on the funds of the Board at the close of the fiscal year, April 30, was fifty-one. Between that time and the meeting of the Synod, two of these will have graduated from the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick, and six from that at Holland. Reports of the standing of our young men; of their advance in study, and the development of the characteristics which promise usefulness in the ministry, have been

highly satisfactory. The professors and teachers, under whose care they have been prosecuting their preparation, have exhibited a hearty interest in all that pertains to the great object of the Church, with reference to this portion of their students and pupils. We take pleasure in noticing the continued favor of God, in permitting us to pass another year without the necessity of reporting the lessening by death of the number of those to whom we are looking for supplies in the future ministry of the church. We also notice gratefully, the encouraging gain in the number under our care. The reception of twenty-one, in place of the six who entered the ministry, speaks of God's answer to the prayers of His people for laborers for the harvest. One probable reason of this more than usual increase, has been the removal of the limitation, requiring young men to be prepared for entrance into College, before they could receive aid from our funds.

Your Board, at its first meeting after receiving the instructions of Synod, promptly complied, and during the remainder of the year received all whom the Classes sent with proper recommendations. As was to be expected, the number was made up principally of those who had, by one way or another, secured part of the preparation formerly required. We feel that we are thus put into a position to claim a more hearty and liberal help from the Churches. According to the Report of the Committee on Education, adopted by the Synod of 1868, an official sanction of Synod was given to what had come to the committee "from several sources," that by our former rule the usefulness of the Board was limited. This is the last thing that any of us who serve Synod in the Board wish to do. Organized to supply one of the most pressing and earliest felt wants of the Church—a sufficient supply of ministers—blessed of God in all its past efforts to this end, and able to point to the records of the Church itself as testimony of success, your Board only wish, with the expanding growth of the Church, and with the opening doors of entrance into all the world, to expand this and every other branch of its work. We feel that we have ground to expect a corresponding increase in the interest and liberality of the Churches; that we have not been altogether disappointed in this confidence in the Church, yet that there is room for much advance, will be more appropriately considered in the section of our Report, pertaining to the means which have been given us. We only add,

with reference to this now in hand, that Synod suggested, on behalf of the Churches, a change which would enlarge our usefulness. The change was at once made. It seems to have come up to Synod from the Churches, and the request to direct its change, carries necessarily with it, an engagement to meet whatever responsibilities it occasions. The Board has taken its place in the gap, and assumed for the Church, as she desired, the support of these young brethren. They are a strong part of the hope of the Church for establishment and extension. The idea of their benefit to the Church, may be caught from the fact of their early engagement in ministerial work, year after year, as they are sent forth. The little band of six sent out during the year are already fulfilling, for the Church, the command "to preach the Gospel to every creature." Three are among the activities of our struggling life near at home; one among the surgings of the tides of emigration in our great West; one is amid the overturnings of a dead and selfish semi-barbarism in China, already rumbling with the earthquakes of God's power, by which her high wall of separation is to be thrown down, and herself given to Christianity. The remaining one is where the same advances of a Providence in covenant with the eternal Son are invading her island isolation to give her to Jesus. Surely the Board will not be permitted to stand where the Church has ordered it to go, to be deserted in regard to the supplies needed for holding its ground and continuing its growth. Our call for aid is to the help of the Lord against the mighty, by prayers for still more laborers, not leaving undone the duty of the ministration of still more abundant means.

## II. HOPE COLLEGE.

In the absence of any official report from this Institution at the time of preparing this statement, we have nothing to add to the statements of former years. Our relations to it in reference to the amount of appropriations, the persons of those engaged in teaching in its various departments, remain as they were. The means of the Board to meet its appropriations to the College, by receiving the aid of the interest of the endowment funds in the hands of Synod's Treasurer, have been diminished by the payment to the Treasurer of the Council, of the sum of \$5,000, as stated in your Treasurer's last Annual Report, transferred in accordance with the plan originally

adopted, "on account of the \$30,000 donated by Synod" to the Council. During the present year about \$2,600 have been paid to Synod's Treasurer, on account of the endowment, mostly in settlement of balances, or in partial payment on account of the Classical scholarships. Three classes of Theological students have been under the care of Synod's Professor: one of which, consisting of six students, will graduate in a few weeks. The same arrangements have existed for the services of the College Professors in instructing the Theological classes.

The Report of the Committee on Education, adopted by General Synod last year, and thus made the expression of Synod's own views, plainly asserts that by some means or other the Board of Education ought to be relieved of its support. When the Board obeyed the directions of Synod, in the felt need of a College at the West, to assume so large a part of its support until it could be provided with permanent funds of its own, it was not contemplated by the Board, and we did not suppose that it was by either the Synod or the Council, that with so large a share of responsibility undertaken by us at the start, to meet a temporary emergency, it would burden us undiminished so long, or be reduced so slowly. The Board would, therefore, urgently request Synod to take steps to relieve us from the payment of Professors of Hope College, and would respectfully suggest whether it might not be advisable for the Synod to fix some period in the future when such payments shall cease to be made by the Board of Education, and for the Council of Hope College to take measures to make provision for the same by the time designated. The Board is laboring under a heavy debt, and as shown by our Report to Synod last year, that debt is traceable to this cause. Had the contributions of the Churches been kept to anything like the standard, which might have been reasonably expected, from the zeal and even enthusiasm with which the work was entered upon, the gradual increase of the endowment would have so relieved the amount of our expenditure, that we might not only be unembarrassed, but have been in a condition to extend aid in other educational centres which are patiently waiting, and even suffering from our inability to help them. We have not abated a jot of our conviction of the importance of this great work to our Western interests, nor an iota of our desire to see its full and permanent establishment. We believe that the



Synod has not. We hoped that all the Church had not. But commendatory resolutions, not followed by effort; adoption of Classical scholarships, not followed by the funds pledged, will never carry on this or any work of the kind. There is needed, and now, and at once, urgently needed, whatever action will provide funds without delay. Your Board has assumed responsibilities in confidence; has acted steadfastly in providing funds to meet its responsibilities. We are, however, compelled to say, that the backing of our efforts, implied, promised, pledged, has not been given as we hoped it would. We are in the day of grand and glorious action. All denominations of the Church, our own included, have felt the momentum of the onward wave by which God in His Providence is carrying the Church forward, and enlightening all lands with the knowledge of His works and Word. Among ourselves, and as among others, noble hearts and noble hands have owned the call of God. Consecration of tens and hundreds of thousands of dollars, have made useful institutions more useful, or have opened high paths of good to new and rising ones. We would fain hope that the eyes of some able and liberal brethren, seeking where they may do good in the Lord's name, with the means which God has granted, would look to this gap in His great work and fill it. Ten, twenty, fifty, a hundred thousand dollars would find proper employment here; would honor God, and return an everlasting interest to its donors.

### III. PAROCHIAL SCHOOLS.

This department of our work, so nobly started by a Christian brother, and with such a loving desire for the lambs of the Lord's flock, has continued to engage our interest and care. Thirteen Churches have received aid during the year from our fund, in supporting their Parochial schools. Annual Reports have been received from ten of them. The following statistics are gathered from those received:

Number of pupils on the rolls,.....	615
“ “ “ in average attendance,.....	529
Amount raised for their support by their own churches,..	\$2,791 50
Amount of aid by the Board.....	1,017 50
“ collected in these churches, for the Parochial School Fund,.....	66 50

In statements from pastors and consistories of Churches which are aided in maintaining these means of the religious culture of their youth, we find such assurances as follow: "In places like this, everything conducive to the welfare and growth of our Reformed Church depends on such a school, and I am glad to state that all the families of the congregation have reason to bless the Lord for our school." "Local influences affecting the condition of our public schools from which the Bible and every kind of recognition of religion is banished, render it extremely necessary for us to sustain our school." "Quite a number of the scholars have joined the Church during the last year, and a very good spirit prevails among them now. The larger scholars attend Church and the evening prayer meetings very regularly, and attend the Sabbath schools." "The children are much interested in religious instructions, and the teacher has been often requested to continue them longer." "The pupils love the school, and by it the blessed Word of God is spread. The fruits can be seen in obedience, in love of prayer, and in a faithful attendance on the public worship." Can the work be doubtful of which such witness is given?

We have no reason, perhaps, to expect anything else of the world than sneers at the fanaticism of religious schools. We, perhaps, will gain but little attention from a great part of the Church, because of what may seem the smallness of this record. Only a dozen or so Churches engaged in it. Only a few hundred children influenced. But it is the utterance of highest authority: "We can do nothing against the truth, but for the truth." Of all the seeds sown in the soil of this human life and history of ours, that which is of God, which is His Word, is alone endowed with an almighty and all-conquering energy. This is it, and this only is it which, at the last and most perfect condition to which the coöperating energies of Providence and of Redemption will elevate our humanity, will develop the fruit of immortal souls renewed and sanctified, which the reapers of God's harvest shall gather into His garner. One such school is doing more for eternal good, and more of what will remain as permanent work in this world, as the development of a perfect Christianity progresses, than a State full of such as advance the highest possible worldly knowledge, if something higher be neglected. Grammar and its kindred studies may develop correctness and power of expression, which a bad heart may make only the speech of devils. Geography

and its allied pursuits may show every curious place of earth and its resources, yet leave the one path out of the world into the eternal mysteries nothing more than a way to the dark realms of despair. In short, all knowledge apart from the knowledge of God, may advance the support, the comforts and the luxuries of the merely present life, but the whole world which it develops, is to perish and be burned up. Religion alone, planted in this knowledge of God's truth, bears the fruit of immortal souls abiding in the joy of God forever. Surely it is worthy of greater care than the Churches are giving to it, to carry to higher perfection the evangelizing of the schools in which the minds and hearts of their youth are moulded for eternity.

#### IV. FUNDS.

Our receipts for the year from collections and donations, exclusive of interest from invested funds, have amounted to \$12,301 37. This is an increase of \$1,792 97 over the receipts of the last year. Contributions have been received from two hundred and forty-one Churches. This is eight less than the number reported last year. In the apparent impossibility of quite yet securing a thorough regularity of contributions, it is so small a difference that it affords no ground of suspicion that interest in our work or objects has suffered any diminution. Yet, however satisfactory might be the thought that there is no diminution, and that we have succeeded in holding the ground already attained, we cannot restrain our thoughts from regions beyond, in the sphere of what we have not. Beyond those dark, mysterious depths of an ocean of Christian love, so vast and so wide that the poor, weak breath of our calls, of the Synod's exhortations, has never been able to reach them, we know, by some signs, that there must be an inhabited continent of Christian life, which ought to be made tributary to the call of the Lord for laborers in His harvest. We are pretty sure that there must be some two hundred Churches there. We have not, it is true, been left altogether, through all the past, without any token of their life. We hope yet to find some means of reaching them and persuading them to a more regular intercourse with us. The life around them is growing more active, and pressing them more intensely with its influences. We are encouraged by the proofs given by a steady increase in the number of contributing Churches, and in the amounts

contributed for our work, to believe that it is taking deeper hold upon the heart of a goodly part of the Church, and winning a more prominent place among the objects of her prayer and effort.

We regret to be compelled to report a debt of \$3,942 49 upon our treasury. If those who have not aided us for the past two years had simply presented our interests to the people, and obtained such collections as they were able and willing to give, the Board could have presented this year a statement of work done and all paid for. The secret of our constant struggling lies just here: Two hundred Churches have done nothing for us through an entire year. One hundred and twelve of them have done nothing through two whole years. Our debt has been kindly and patiently carried by the responsibility of a single brother. Is this right? Can it be according to the mind of the Master to have two hundred organized branches of His Church fold their hands in a complacent neglect of a means of increasing the supply of His ministry? Shall the Board be compelled to curtail its work to relieve this responsibility, as it is high time it ought to be, and confine itself only to the amount of work for which funds are actually furnished? Will not, rather, these Churches rouse themselves and bid us keep all we have undertaken for them, and go on to still more? The responsibility rests with them. They can decide the case within a single quarter of a year.

In regard to invested funds, the interest of which is available for our work, we have already alluded to the decrease of \$5,000 paid on the \$30,000 donation account by the Treasurer of Synod to the Treasurer of Hope College. This is partly counterbalanced by the addition of \$2,600 paid in on scholarships to Synod's Treasurer, to which, also, allusion was before made.

There has been added to our funds for the education of young men a further payment of about \$2,000 by the estate of Mrs. Maria Lefferts, on account of her bequest.

The Parochial School Fund has also received a further addition of \$3,000 by donation of S. B. Schieffelin, Esq., the original donor of the principal of \$7,000, previously given for this purpose.

Members of our Churches, who are pondering plans of present usefulness with means at their disposal, or arranging their estates with a view of devising portions of them to works of Christian good, after they themselves have passed away, are affectionately urged to

consider these and other examples which our Reports furnish from year to year. The results of such donations or bequests, in established institutions of Christian learning; in increasing numbers of faithful preachers of the Gospel, and of souls saved by their means, and in the happy influence on themselves and the Church, of thousands of children taught to serve God in all pursuits of life, are commended to their notice. If any who have such funds wish to teach for ages, to preach to the end of the world, and to bring many children to Jesus, that, with His blessing on them, they may go to the activities of life, here is a most excellent way. Experience has tried it. God has blessed it. The Church has been established and enlarged by it. The world has felt a large stream of Christian and upright activity flowing from it. These all say to any who can, "Go and do thou likewise." "Make to yourselves friends, that when ye fail, they may receive you into everlasting habitations."

#### V. MEMBERSHIP.

The terms of the following members expire this year, and are to be filled by Synod's election, viz:

Rev. B. C. Taylor, D.D.,	Rev. J. Elmendorf, D.D.,
" J. B. Thompson,	Mr. S. B. Schieffelin.
" J. Romeyn Berry, D.D.,	Mr. Marcus Lyon,
" David Cole, D.D.,	Mr. John P. Hardenberg.

The foregoing Report was adopted by the Board of Education at their session May 18th, 1869, and ordered to be forwarded to General Synod.

JOHN L. SEE,  
*Corresponding Secretary.*



## SUGGESTIONS BY THE SECRETARY.

Our report for the present year, under its first section, referring to "Students for the Ministry," exhibits a very gracious answer to the prayers of the Church. Twenty-one young men, of promising qualifications, have consecrated themselves to the work of the ministry. One of the Professors, under whose care they are pursuing their studies, after several months of intercourse with them, voluntarily appended to his report of their studies and Christian deportment, that he had never had under his care a more promising band of students. God has, therefore, given us good men for a good work. Is not each and every one of our Churches interested in their successful entrance into the great field of usefulness for which they are preparing? It is simply God's work for the edification of His Church and the salvation of the world. Some of these young men may, in future years, be your own pastors. Some of them may be your missionary preachers to carry the Gospel to the heathen for you; for this is your work as much as their's. They are now, while studying, actually engaged in the Lord's work, and in the Church's service. In undertaking their support, the Board is simply the Church's agent. Added to the work of supporting others already under our care, and with an embarrassed treasury, the Board has assumed, in accepting them, a responsibility, in the full confidence that the Churches would cheerfully meet all the expense which the answer to her own prayers might entail. What folly would it be to argue that the Church could not do all this? The Church is able, and in her own heart conscious of her ability. Brethren, shall the confidence of the Board in your will, as well as your ability, be dishonored? Anything like a generous response will meet all the demands of the case. We can thus far excuse, on the ground that the Churches were not fully aware of the extent of our need—the fact that so many of our Churches did not aid us last year. But, dear brethren, in the name of the Lord, here is now to you all a definite and accurate statement. In the Lord's work, and in your behalf, as also by the very answer of God to your own prayers, we stand before you with a debt incurred for no object of our own individual ambition or interest, but for your good, of about \$4,000 and an increase of our number of young men. Is it necessary that we shall; shall it be a

fact that we shall have to say next year to Synod, "Only about half of our Churches have added gifts to their prayers, to secure preachers to the Church and for the world?" Let us, affectionately, repeat the questions which we asked a year ago:

1. Did your Church aid us by a contribution last year?
2. If it did not, will you not see that it does this year?
3. If it did, will you not see, carefully, that it is repeated this year?

Pastors and Consistories can surely secure a proper response to the last two questions. If they will, our debt will be paid, our work of the year will be paid for as it goes along, and we will have courage to expand with the growth and need of the Church.

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#### GIVEN AWAY, OR INVESTED.

Thirty years ago a Christian brother endowed a scholarship for the support of a student for the ministry. It pleased God greatly to bless the ministry of the first minister educated by it. As a token of gratitude to God for this blessing, the founder endowed, about ten years later than the first, a second scholarship. In looking over our records, some three years since, the Secretary found that these two scholarships had educated ten ministers of our Church. By their ministry, about five hundred souls had been added to the Church on profession of their faith. Under the ministry of the first minister, above alluded to, two of his grandchildren had been met by him away from home, addressed on the subject of religion, awakened and led to the Saviour, and are now humble followers of Christ. The kind donor has long since gone to heaven and left all his earthly property behind. By these endowments, he is still preaching and bringing souls to Jesus. As shown, some of his own family have been saved by it. These saved souls have also, many of them, passed to heaven. Which is his paying property to him now?



# SUMMARY REPORT OF THE TREASURER

OF THE

## Board of Education of the R. C. A.

1869.

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Paid Students at New Brunswick.....	\$5,226 56
“ “ Hope College.....	1,816
“ Professors and Teachers, Hope College.....	6,550
“ Salary of Corresponding Secretary.....	2,499 99
“ “ Treasurer.....	150
Appropriations to Parochial Schools.....	1,017 50
Expenses.....	1,037 35
Loans.....	19,800
Interest.....	202 62
Balance in Treasury.....	857 51

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\$39,157 53

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By Balance, as per last Report.....	\$1,152 34
“ Receipts for Educational Purposes.....	12,234 87
“ “ Parochial Schools.....	66 50
“ Interest on Education Funds.....	4,572 03
“ “ Parochial School Funds.....	643 43
“ “ Hope College “.....	1,488 36
“ Loans.....	19,000

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\$39,157 53

Due for Loans.....	\$3,200
“ Salaries at Hope College....	1,600
	<hr/> 4,800
Less on hand.....	857 51
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Net Indebtedness.....	\$3,942 49

F. J. HOSFORD, *Treasurer.*

NEW YORK, May 1, 1869





THIRTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Board of Domestic Missions

OF THE

REFORMED CHURCH IN AMERICA.

PRESENTED TO THE]

General Synod, at the Annual Meeting in Philadelphia,

JUNE, 1869.



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1869.

Will Pastors please read the following Resolutions of General Synod to their respective congregations ?

“General Synod of the Reformed Church in America, in session in Philadelphia, June, 1869.

The following resolutions were adopted :

*Resolved*, That Synod gratefully recognizes the favor of God towards the work of the Board during the past year.

*Resolved*, That this Synod has learned with much gratification of the increase of the number of churches contributing to the Board, and earnestly recommend to every Church in our denomination the importance of taking a collection for it during the coming and every succeeding year.

*Resolved*, That the Board be instructed to make efforts as speedily as possible, by employing an agent hitherto authorized by Synod or by the agents appointed during the past year in the several Classes, to increase the Building Fund to \$100,000.

*Resolved*, That the Pastors of our Churches, and the Superintendents of Sabbath schools be recommended, where no such organizations are already in existence, to form Domestic Missionary Associations in the Sabbath schools to aid the Board in their work.”

A True Copy.

DAVID D. DEMAREST,

*Stated Clerk.*

# REPORT.

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*To the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America :*

The Thirty-seventh Annual Report of the Board of Domestic Missions is presented to General Synod with thanksgivings to God. It would be too much to say that all hopes were realized, and all undertakings were in every instance successful, but enough has been accomplished to inspire the liveliest gratitude; enough to demonstrate the possibility of still greater success, and animate the hearts of the friends of the cause with the most cheering hopes. The Word of God has been preached by those who not only bore the commission of this Board, but who feel that they were sent of God. The ministrations of our Holy religion have sought out the stranger and him that was ready to perish. And it is a pleasurable task to report to Synod that the measure of blessing attending our Mission work, as a whole, exceeds, we believe, that vouchsafed to an equal number of self-supporting Churches. Upon field after field, and month by month, the smiles of God have fallen upon our Mission Churches, until we feel that success is only limited by the faith and liberality of God's people, and the courage of the Board to go forward in the work.

During the year 4,000 families have received Pastoral care, and 5,358 members of Mission Churches have enjoyed the stated means of grace, 668 souls have been enrolled among the followers of Jesus, and more than 8,000 children have learned the story of the Cross through your Board. We cannot contemplate these results without thanksgivings to God, and the feeling that He calls upon us to enlarge greatly our efforts in His cause. The Board would respectfully direct the attention of Synod to

## THE IMPORTANCE OF THE FIELD.

We do this with a deeper sense of its appropriateness, because the most vigilant need to renew their observations frequently to keep pace with the sweeping progress of events. The recent removal of political dissensions; the amazing natural resources of the country, in area, soil, climate, and productions; the recent completion of a highway from ocean to ocean, across the continent; the coveted privilege of self-government, by which the alien and the stranger soon come to share with us the duties and responsibilities of citizenship, make this field one that appeals to the heart of every Christian, to the heart of every American citizen! It is not difficult to see that the Gospel and the Sabbath are the only weapons with which we can defend life, liberty of conscience, and the purity of the Church of God.

## PROGRESS OF THE WORK.

It will be observed that the Board do not report quite so large a number of Missions sustained or Missionaries employed this year as the last, in consequence of the considerable number of Churches which have become self-sustaining during the last and the present year. This pleasing fact has also somewhat reduced the number of families under our care, and of members connected with our Mission Churches. The new fields entered upon are, in several instances, purely Missionary in their character, and have not yet attained organization. Still the good work goes hopefully on, and every new field affords cheering indications of success. Seventy two Missions, extending from 60 miles east of New York city to 150 miles west of the Mississippi, have received the fostering care of the General Synod's Board of Domestic Missions; 4,000 families have stately enjoyed the means of grace through the same agency. The Missionary Pastors have, through God's blessing, been permitted to receive 921 members into the communion of the Church, 668 on confession of their faith, and 253 by certificate from other Churches. This is also a diminution of numbers as compared with last year, to be attributed to the cause already referred to. In general progress, and in the manifestations of God's favor, we are happy to say, the present year compares favorably

with the past. In several instances precious revival seasons have been enjoyed, among which we may instance Coytesville and Boonton, N. J., Leyden Centre, Ill., Constantine, Mich., and Cato, N. Y. God has graciously owned his work to the conversion of many souls.

The Week of Prayer has sent its savour through all the weeks of the year, and through all time. Over the entire field committed to the care of this Board, there are evidences of general progress and vigor that should stimulate the friends of Christ to renewed zeal and self-denial in the extension of the Redeemer's kingdom.

#### THE MISSIONARIES.

The brethren who have been in the service of the Church under your Board number sixty-six. And we bear cheerful testimony to the faithfulness and self-sacrifice with which they have preached the Gospel to the destitute. It has not been found practicable, owing to the partial failure of crops in the West, and the stagnation of business in the East, to reduce the salaries of those in the employ of the Board. And in many instances the self-denying Missionary would have found himself in extreme want, but for boxes of clothing which kind hearts and willing hands sent to his relief. It is a happy outlet to the benevolent impulses of the Churches East, for which the Missionaries and the Board are very thankful.

It is also a matter of congratulation that the destitution of laborers for the West is less now than at any former period of our history. The Theological Seminary at Hope College is admirably supplying a long felt want in this important field. Seven young men, acclimated, familiar with western wants and modes of thought, are about to be licensed to preach the Gospel in fields that have already claimed their services. These are the first fruits of an Institution to which the Board looks with much hope in the work of efficient church extension.

#### NEW UNDERTAKINGS AND NEW FIELDS.

The Rev. A. G. Lansing has been employed since early last autumn in the region of Pella, Iowa, where he finds an ample field for his services. His work is a purely Missionary one, in which



he has, as yet, attempted no organization further than to gather the children together in Sabbath schools, and the people in assemblies to hear the Word of God. But the day is probably not distant when another Church will dot the Prairies of Iowa, on our western frontier. His pecuniary support is derived from two Sabbath schools, that of Flatbush, L. I., and North Newark, N. J., whose Missionary he is.

*Brookfield, Conn.*, is a field of considerable promise. The Rev. Sanford W. Roe has been laboring there for the greater part of the year with great acceptance. The mission is on the point of being organized as a church, with a very fair prospect of success.

*South Bend, Ind.*, has been re-occupied, and the Rev. W. J. Skillman has relinquished Macon and South Macon to enter upon the work. It was, in the estimation of the Classis of Michigan, a field of too great importance to be abandoned. And we are happy to say that Brother Skillman is prosecuting the work with every prospect of surmounting difficulties, and of establishing the Reformed Church on a sound basis.

During the year just closed a church has been organized, and, by the aid of the Church Building Fund, a sanctuary has been erected at Saugatuck, Mich. They are waiting for the graduating class of the Holland Seminary to supply them with a Pastor.

*Yorktown, Minnesota*, is taking steps for the erection of a church, and has been recommended to the Board for aid in sustaining a Pastor. And the prospects are that a strong church will exist in that thriving state where now is only spiritual desolation.

#### SELF-SUSTAINING CHURCHES.

In addition to the considerable number of Churches reported last year as requiring no longer aid from your Board, we are happy to be able to add *seven* more this year. They are as follows:

Cuddebackville, N. Y., Union Church, N. Y., Fourth German, Albany, N. Y., Cleveland, O., Constantine, Mich., High Bridge, N. J., and German, Hoboken, N. J. It is a matter of rejoicing to bid those whom we have been aiding God speed, as they, leaning upon the arm of the Beloved, enter upon a self-supporting basis. And the number is probably as large as we could expect under the

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circumstances. The long deferred repairs, the stringency of money, and the partial failure of crops, made it difficult for Churches to attain an independent position, or to carry on their work with reduced appropriations where they still remained dependent. There is, however, in this respect, a marked improvement in the Classes of Michigan and Holland. One Church has become self-supporting, and in every other instance, except one, the appropriations asked for the coming year have been greatly reduced. For these indications of prosperity and progress, the Board is devoutly thankful.

### THE TREASURY.

The Board presents to the General Synod this item of the Annual Report with mingled feelings of regret and satisfaction. The apprehensions of the last year have been realized. The Treasury is in arrears \$6,000, less \$431 37 in hand. It was only from a providential interposition that it did not occur last year. The Board should not be so largely dependent upon the uncertain source of income arising from bequests. This, from the nature of the case, must vary greatly, being some years greatly in excess of others, and leaving us at one time with a large surplus, and at another with an embarrassing deficiency. It will undoubtedly be the policy of the Board hereafter to fund a portion of these gifts of God's gathered ones as a reserve against the day of need. On the other hand, the fast and reliable friends of the cause of Domestic Missions are greatly on the increase. 296 Churches have contributed to this Board during the year, an increase of 32 over last year, showing a total of \$1,607 over last year's contribution. Individual donations are also considerably in excess of former years, showing that our home work is growing in the affection of our people, and indicating an awakening of the Church to a sense of her responsibility to God in the preservation of this land from ignorance, intolerance, and anarchy. The contributions by the Churches amount to \$16,988, probably \$1,000 more than has ever been contributed before without a single extra effort, or a collection urged out of its place.

This is a matter of unfeigned thankfulness. It proves the loyalty of the Church, the increased appreciation of home work, and

the unshaken confidence of the friends of the Board that God will crown our efforts with complete success. If Pastors and Consistories will train their congregations in systematic benevolence, and a conscientious discharge of the duties we owe to our own heritage, the Board will be enabled to assume a position very far in advance of any yet undertaken. Individual contributions have reached \$2,353 90, being an increase of \$812 33 over last year. Sabbath schools have contributed \$2,165 47, \$2,027 26 have been paid in from legacies, and Churches and Missions have contributed \$1,037 13.

With unfaltering trust in God, and in the faithfulness of his people, your Board see no cause for discouragement, but, on the other hand, new and stronger motives for self-consecration and unswerving Christian fidelity.

#### CHURCH BUILDING FUND.

The Board report that the importance of this interest can hardly be over-estimated, and while all has not been accomplished that we hoped, yet a great advance has been made over last year. 124 Churches have contributed to this Fund during the year, being 47 more than on the previous year. The last General Synod authorized this Board to appoint an agent to complete the endowment of the Building Fund. But the Board felt that such an appointment must necessarily be an expensive as well as a protracted one, and instead of one general agent, they appointed one in every Classis, that by dividing the work the Churches might be sooner reached and the work accomplished, and the result has probably justified the experiment. The amount contributed by the Churches is \$6,026 11. Individuals, \$2,893 23. Sabbath schools, \$243 36. Other sources, \$154—making an aggregate of \$9,115 70, which, together with a balance of \$1,654 39, makes a total of \$10,772 09.

The following Churches have been aided during the year :

Clinton Station, N. J. ; Saugatuck, Mich. ; Coytesville, N. J. ; Grandville, Mich. ; Second Chicago, Ill. ; Leyden Centre, Ill. ; Boonton, N. J. ; Spotswood, N. J. ; Locust Valley, L. I. ; Norris, Ill. ; Buffalo, N. Y. ; and Second Pella, Iowa. And our progress is only stayed by the want of means to encourage the people "to arise and build."

## CHURCH BUILDINGS COMPLETED.

In this item more than elsewhere will be seen the power of the Church Building Fund to conserve the interests of church extension, and the promotion of the glory of God. Twelve churches have been finished, or have reached an advanced stage of progress, through the aid extended to them by the Building Fund. They are as follows; Clinton Station, N. J.; Saugatuck, Mich.; Coytesville, N. J.; Grandville, Mich.; Leyden Centre, Ill.; Boonton, N. J.; Locust Valley, L. I.; Buffalo, N. Y.; Norris, Ill. This Church, as the Synod are aware, has been erected by the eminent Christian liberality of a lady of Philadelphia, who has also generously paid the entire salary of the Pastor, and continues to provide for his support. So that neither the church edifice nor the maintenance of the Pastor has cost the Board anything. Such instances of Christian beneficence are refreshing indeed, and lead us to feel that God has among his people those who are determined that the poor shall have the Gospel preached unto them.

The First Church of Chicago have also finished their church edifice, and are enjoying enlarged facilities for comfort and usefulness, but it cannot be said in any proper sense that the Board have aided them in its erection, except as we have given them moral support, and contributed a little more largely to the salary of their Pastor. The fund has at no time during the year been in a condition to afford the relief they needed.

The Second Church of Chicago, having secured a very eligible site, have erected and enclosed their new church edifice, and finished the basement in which they are at present worshipping. They have still not the means to complete their main audience room. They are united, persevering, and hopeful, and feel that they cannot now fail. In their Report they say: "Everything indicates that the completion of the building is now the one instrumentality needed to place the Church on its feet. The good hand of our God upon us has brought us on so far that we should have little faith indeed did we not confidently expect a joyful consummation in his own good time."



## REMOVALS AND CHANGES.

The Rev. W. J. Skillman has been transferred from Macon and South Macon to South Bend, Ind. A graduate from the Holland Theological Seminary will supply his place. Rev. Martin L. Schenck has been reluctantly compelled, by the want of a church building, to relinquish the charge of the Church of Whitehall, Wis., and has accepted a settlement at the East. The want of ample means in the Church Building Fund is seldom more strikingly exhibited. Rev. A. K. Kasse has removed from Cleveland, Ohio, and become the Pastor of the Second Holland Church, Paterson, N. J. The Rev. James Huyssoon has been called from the Church of Polkton, Mich., to the First Holland Church, Paterson, N. J. The Board have not yet been able to supply his place. Rev. J. W. Dunnewold has been called to the Church of Gibbsville, Wis., where he has been laboring with very cheering success. Rev. B. A. Bartholf has resigned the charge of the Church of Wolcott, and has entered upon another field. Rev. T. G. Watson has been called from the Church of Cato, to Brighton Heights, S. I. Rev. J. Henry Enders has relinquished the charge of the Church of Ly-sander. This enterprise proposes to become self-sustaining.

## SABBATH SCHOOLS.

The Board report to the General Synod, with gratification, the cheerful aspect of our Sabbath school work.

The number of schools under our care is 4 less than last year, yet the number of scholars in attendance is greatly increased. 8,116 children as compared with 6,798 last year, have enjoyed the benefits of Sabbath school instruction.

Our Missionaries report 93 as having given their hearts to Jesus, and made a profession of religion during the year. Two Sabbath schools—that of Flatbush, L. I., and North Newark, N. J., have united in supporting a Missionary, Rev. A. G. Lansing, and will continue it as long as he needs it. This is an example worthy of all imitation, and the Board would urgently commend to Pastors and Superintendents the appropriateness of organizing their Sabbath schools into auxiliary Domestic Missionary associations, to co-operate with the Board in extending the institutions of religion



over our rapidly settling country. This land belongs to the children of this age. Their homes are here and are to be here. And it is both wise and just to transmit to hands skilled in the defence of the truth a nation guarded by the Divine oracles.

The Rev. C. W. Wilson has successfully prosecuted Sabbath school labors at Two Rivers, Wis. The day when the Master makes up his accounts will only reveal how many erring feet have been led into the way of truth through this instrumentality. The General Synod is indebted to a lady formerly a member of the Broome street Church, New York, for his entire support.

We are happy to add that 21 new schools have been organized, and that the Sabbath schools have contributed \$2,165 47 to the work.

#### PARTICULARIA.

The term of service of the following members of the Board expires June, 1869 :

Rev. Jacob West,	Hon. Robert H. Pruyn,
“ J. H. Duryee,	Mr. John I. Brower,
“ R. H. Steele, D.D.,	“ John R. Smith,
Mr. John N Stearns.	

#### CONCLUSION.

With the earnest prayer that God's rich blessing may crown the labors of his servants with abundant success, to the glory of His name, this report is respectfully submitted to the General Synod.

J. WEST,

*Cor. Secretary.*

Adopted by the Board, May 25th, 1869.

A Tabular Statement is appended.

TABULAR STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS AND RE-  
SULTS—1868-69.

Churches and Missions aided.....	72
"                "          at the East.....	43
"                "          at the West.....	29
New organizations and undertakings.....	5
Houses of worship in course of erection or finished....	12
Received into Membership.....	921
"                "          on Confession.....	668
"                "          by Certificate.....	253
Whole number of Families in Mission Churches.....	4,000
"                "          Members.....	5,358
"                "          Sabbath schools.....	95
"                "          Scholars.....	8,113
Contributions to the Board by the Missions.....	\$1,031 13
Contributed by the Missions to other benevolent objects	\$3,411 71
Whole amount received into the Treasury.....	\$24,973 33

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Board of Domestic Missions of the Reformed Church in America in  
account with JOHN R. SMITH, Treasurer.

*Dr.*

April 30, 1869.

To cash as per appropriation to Missionaries for the year ending this date.....	\$22,492 36	
for removal and traveling expenses of Mis....	582 16	
		\$23,074 52
for Sunday school work, viz: for Missionaries.	1,911 50	
for books .....	181 60	
		\$2,093 10
for salary of the Corresponding Secretary....	2,500 00	
for office and traveling expenses.....	191 50	
for rent of office, P. O. box and fuel.....	112 97	
		\$2,804 96
for revenue, and postage stamps and stationery	100 00	
for counterfeit currency.....	2 50	
		\$102 50
for traveling expenses of members of Board and Executive Committee.....	53 60	
for printing, circulars, and reports.....	82 41	
		\$126 01
American Missionary Society, for contributions for Freedmen.....		25 11
premium to Gebhard Ins. Co. on St. Peter's Church, Wil- liamsburgh, L. I. ....		43 20
for interest, as follows: Estate of George Fair on loan to the 2d Chicago Church, Ill. ....	1,750 00	
Gebhard Fire Ins. Co. on loan to St. Peter's Evangelical Church, L. I. ....	173 50	
Bank of New York National Banking Associa- tion.....	339 04	
		\$2,262 56
To balance.....		431 37
		\$30,973 33
Due Bank of New York.....	\$6,000 00	
Cash on hand.....	431 37	
Indebtedness .....	\$5,568 63	

*Or.*

May 1, 1869.

By cash on hand..... \$1,438 70

April 30, 1869.

By cash contributions from Churches..... \$16,988 00

contributions from Sunday schools..... 2,165 47

contributions from individuals..... 2,353 90

Total amount of contributions..... \$21,507 37

By cash from legacies..... 2,027 26

Total receipts for the year.....\$23,534 63

By cash borrowed from the Bank of New York National Bank-

ing Association..... \$6,000 00

\$30,973 33JOHN R. SMITH, *Treasurer.*

NEW YORK, May 1, 1869.

Examined and found correct.

JOHN A. HARDENBERG,

S. R. W. HEATH,

*Auditing Committee.*

NEW YORK, May 1, 1869.







THIRTY-SEVENTH  
ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS

OF THE  
Reformed Church in America,  
AND  
TWELFTH OF SEPARATE ACTION,

WITH  
The Treasurer's Tabular and Summary Report of Receipts,

FOR THE  
YEAR ENDING APRIL 30TH, 1869.



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# R E P O R T .

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The Board of Foreign Missions respectfully presents to the General Synod the following Report of the thirty-seventh year of its existence, and the eleventh year of its separate and independent action :

## I HOME DEPARTMENT.

### 1. MEMBERS AND OFFICERS OF THE BOARD.

There has been no change in the membership of the Board during the year. The kind Providence, which we have thankfully acknowledged for years past, has continued to give health and life to those who have been associated in this work.

### 2. AGENCIES EMPLOYED.

From the beginning of the year to the second Sabbath of January, 1869, Rev. D. Rapalje, of the Amoy Mission, was occupied upon nearly every Lord's Day in presenting the work in China to the Churches. From the first Sabbath of June to January, 1869, Revs. Henry Stout and John A. Davis, commissioned respectively as missionaries to Japan and China, pleaded for this cause before the Churches. From the beginning of October to the close of the year, Rev. E. C. Scudder, of the Arcot Mission, and Rev. L. W. Kip, of the Amoy Mission, have presented from the pulpits of the Reformed Church the work and wants of the fields to which they are devoted. Rev. S. R. Brown, D.D., has frequently spoken, as he has had the opportunity, respecting Japan.

Up to the first of March the intelligence from our own Missions, and interesting facts from the Missions of other bodies, were made known through the columns of the *Christian Intelligencer* and *Sower*.

The condition of our treasury has been constantly presented through the editorial department of the *Christian Intelligencer*.

After a careful deliberation, continued through three months, the Board concluded to publish its own periodical, for the sake of obtaining the widest possible diffusion of our missionary intelligence, and of the facts and arguments bearing upon our work, and also to awaken a general interest and participation in the operations committed to our supervision. The first number of "*The Gospel Field*," the number for March, was issued in February, '69. The circulation of that number was eleven thousand copies, and of the April number, thirteen thousand. By the generous offer of a member of the Board, a considerable portion of the cost of this periodical for the first year was guaranteed.

For the sake of securing the end in view, namely, the widest possible diffusion of missionary intelligence, and the formation of a general missionary spirit, it was resolved to furnish the Paper at only the expense of postage to the recipient. It was argued that every family contributing to the support of our work, was entitled to the information furnished by this medium, and that all families not contributing, if willing to accept the Paper, ought to have it, so that they might be induced to assist in sustaining the Missions.

The 37,000 families of the denomination can be supplied with this monthly periodical at an expense to the Board of about \$4,000 a year.

### 3. FINANCES.

The receipts of the year have been : from Churches, \$59,523 03 ; Sabbath Schools, \$5,310 99 ; Individuals, through Churches, \$6,140 11 ; Individuals, not through Churches, \$2,211 42 ; Legacies, \$5,457 74 ; Miscellaneous sources, \$2,767 09 ; Total, \$81,410 38. Deducting \$200 received from the American Tract Society, and \$2,201 20 received as interest on the Security Fund, and the amount realized from Legacies, \$5,457 74 ; in all, \$7,858 94, we have \$73,551 44 left as the contribution of the denomination during the year. For this encouraging result, we are indebted, mainly, to the hearty and earnest efforts of the pastors, seconded by the zealous co-operation of certain liberal laymen.



The Board began the year with a debt of \$16,000. Notwithstanding the general response to our appeals, the debt at the close of the year was \$24,000. This increase of obligations is due, exclusively, to unusual expenses. It has been necessary to complete buildings, for various purposes, in each of the Missions, to bring home brethren in need of a change of climate, and to send out a re-enforcement. Although the Board mentions these as unusual expenditures, yet we are unwilling even to intimate that there may be allowed any decrease in the offerings of the Church for this work, during the next or any succeeding year, for some time to come, for there is not now expended upon the fields we occupy as much as their wants require, leaving out of the reckoning what should be laid out upon such aggressive Christian warfare as should be constantly and vigorously prosecuted.

To sustain the Missions during the next year, to return two of the missionaries now in this country, to send out those now under commission, and to meet home expenses, we shall need \$67,847 50. Adding to this the amount of present indebtedness, we have the sum of \$92,000 to be obtained during the year ending on April 30th, 1870.

The Board is constrained to call the attention of the Church once more, through the General Synod, to the decline in our income experienced through the summer months. This is annually the cause of serious embarrassment, beside adding a considerable sum, in the form of interest upon loans, to the usual outlay. For economical reasons your foreign work is sustained by monthly payments. Each month calls for an outlay of between five and six thousand dollars. We request, therefore, that the Churches be entreated to make one collection for this work, if possible, between the first day of May and the first day of August in each year. We are happy to be able to announce that the number of the Churches which contribute to our treasury on the first Sabbath morning of each month is steadily increasing. It is not found that this custom interferes with the collections for any other good work, or in any degree diminishes their amount, but rather operates to increase the liberality of the people towards all the departments of Christian benevolence. We are happy, also, to report that systematic benefactions have increased, and that, in a number of the Churches, plans have been adopted calculated to reach every communicant, and afford each one an opportunity to contribute. We have noticed with pleasure that

the propriety and necessity of organized and systematic effort to develop the ability of the Church to give to the extension of the Redeemer's Kingdom, is receiving more and more attention.

#### 4. RE-ENFORCEMENTS.

It has been our privilege to add the Rev. Henry Stout and wife to the missionary force of the Japan Mission, and Rev. John A. Davis and wife to that of the Amoy Mission. These brethren sailed with Rev. D. Rapalje, of the Amoy Mission, who had spent two years at home to restore impaired health, on the 9th day of January last, by the Pacific Mail Line Steamer. They reached their destination in the following March.

The Board also commissioned Miss M. J. Mandeville and Miss Josephine Chapin as Assistant Missionaries, to be connected with the Arcot Mission. As the period had passed when missionary families sail for India, it was necessary to detain these ladies. It is expected that they will embark during the summer of this year.

The Board has also commissioned Miss Mary E. Kidder, of Brooklyn, L. I., as an Assistant Missionary, to be connected with the Yokohama station of the Mission to Japan. It is probable that this lady will leave for her appointed field in July next with Rev. S. R. Brown, D.D., who hopes to return to Yokohama at that time.

While it has been a pleasure to send this help to the brethren who are striving to overtake the wants of the fields open before them, we have not been able to repress the desire that a larger number of candidates for missionary service would be presented, and that the Church would furnish the means to enable us to send them forth. The force of each of our Missions should be increased. By the departure of Mr. Verbeck, to Yedo, to perform important work for the Government and the cause of our Master, Mr. Stout is left alone at Nagasaki. He should have a fellow laborer. God has blessed that station above every other within the Empire, and it ought to be supplied by us with a force sufficient to improve the opportunities constantly presented.

The Amoy Mission needs at least two additional missionaries, one of them a physician, to occupy Chiang-chiu, the commercial and social centre of a large and populous valley, and of an extensive region beyond. The services maintained in this city, mainly by the native helpers, have been attended by crowds of respectful

listeners. The brethren of the Mission find it a difficult matter, indeed an impossibility, to cultivate this open field as it deserves, and to improve the opportunities offered daily to instruct men in the word of life. Our missionary band, at Amoy, ought to have an addition of two laborers. The work of the Arcot Mission is increasing with great rapidity in the southern portion of South Arcot. Mr. Mayou, who is in charge of this part of the territory occupied, although possessing unusual physical vigor, and being a most industrious workman, is altogether unable to look after the villages seeking for Christian counsel and instruction, and those desiring a visit from a preacher of the Gospel. If two additional missionaries were located in this district they would be fully occupied in caring for those who are at this very time ready to renounce idolatry and place themselves under Christian instruction. There is every reason for the belief that if this part of our field were properly supplied with ordained missionaries, a large portion of the population would soon be gathered within the Church of Christ.

Our work is annually enlarging. Our missionary brethren are overtaxed by the demands made upon them. These are the legitimate results of prosperity. We should rejoice that the Lord has given us such a blessing. We should expect to be called upon to increase the number of our missionaries. Besides we ought to give a place in our calculations to events almost certain to occur in the future. We cannot expect that disease and death will pass by the men we have at present in the field. Yet not one of them could now be spared. The Lord can indeed accomplish His gracious designs by a few as well as by many, but His declaration is that he who soweth bountifully shall reap bountifully, and he that soweth sparingly shall reap sparingly. If those who can do much content themselves with doing a little, they must also be content with meagre results.

We need one man for Japan, two for China, two for India, at this very time.

## II. SURVEY OF THE MISSIONS.

### 1. THE AMOY MISSION—CHINA.

(Organized in 1844.)

Occupying the cities of Amoy, population 200,009; Chioh-bey, population 60,000; Chiang-chiu, population 200,000; Tongan, pop-

ulation 60,000. The field traversed, that is, the territory including those cities, has a population of about 3,090,000.

The missionary force engaged consists of

*Missionaries*.—Revs. J. V. N. Talmage, D.D., D. Rapalje, John A. Davis, and Revs. L. W. Kip, J. H. Van Doren, at present in this country.

*Assistant Missionaries*.—Mrs. Talmage, Mrs. Helen A. Kip, Mrs. Davis.

During half of the year Dr. Talmage has been the only missionary of this Board on the field. Early in the year, Mr. Van Doren, on account of an affection of his eyes, resulting from general physical prostration, sailed for Yokohama, Japan, in the hope that the change of climate would restore his strength and heal his eyes. This improvement was denied to him, and towards the close of the summer, by the advice of physicians, he returned to this country. Mr. Kip, being very much reduced in strength, was ordered home by the physicians in June. He reached New York in September last. Mr. Rapalje having recovered health and strength, accompanied by Mr. Davis, just commissioned, embarked for Amoy in January, and reached his destination in March. Mr. Kip, God willing, hopes to return during the fall of the present year.

## FOREIGN MISSIONS.

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STATISTICAL TABLE OF THE "TAI-HOE," OR CLASSIS OF AMOY,

For the Year 1868:

CHURCHES AND STATIONS.	Members, Jan 1, 1868.	Received on Confession	Received on Certificate	Died.	Excommunicated.	Dismissed.	Members, Dec. 31, '68.	Under Suspension.	Infant Baptisms.	Male pupils in Schools.	Female Pupils in Schools	Total Pupils in Schools	Contributions for Benevolent and Religious Purposes.
First Church of Amoy.....	147	8	..	2	1	2	150	13	6	18	2	20	388 20
Kang-thau,* under 1st Church	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5 07
O-pi,* " "	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5 40
Second Church of Amoy....	155	19	1	3	..	3	169	10	17	28	6	34	342 34
Te-soa,† under 2d Church...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	11 74
Ang-tung-thau†	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Tong-an† " "	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Church at Chioh-bey .....	75	11	4	..	..	..	90	1	7	19	1	20	87 04
Chiang-chiu,‡	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	17 75
Chha-thau-po†	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total under care Am. Ref. Ch. Mission. ....	377	38	5	5	1	5	409	24	30	65	9	74	807 54
Church at Peh-chui-la.....	37	4	..	2	..	..	39	..	6	..	..	..	...
Koan-jim,§ under Peh-chui-la	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Church at Mapeng.....	129	18	..	3	..	..	144	6	12	..	..	..	...
In-be kio,   under Ma-peng...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Ho-Khang,   " "	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Peh-chioh,   " "	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Church at E-mung-kang.....	36	1	..	1	..	..	36	2	..	..	..	..	...
Church at Khiu-be .....	39	9	..	4	..	..	44	2	..	..	..	..	...
Church at Liong-bun-si.....	33	10	..	..	..	..	43	2	..	..	..	..	...
Station at An-hai.....	43	10	..	..	..	..	53	3	..	..	..	..	...
Koan-Kio¶	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Station at Chin-chiu.....	7	14	..	..	..	..	21	..	..	..	..	..	...
Total under care of English Pres. Ch. Mission.....	324	66	..	10	..	..	380	15	18	..	..	..	...
Total under care of Tai-hoe..	701	104	5	15	1	5	789	39	48	..	..	..	...

\* Included in Statistics of First Church.

† do., Second Church.

‡ do., Chioh-bey.

§ do. Peh-chui-la.

|| do. Ma-peng.

¶ do. An-hai.

Native Preachers, (including the two Pastors) 18 under the care of each Mission. Theological students, each Mission 7. Medical students, each Mission 1.



## STATE OF THE CHURCHES.

FIRST CHURCH OF AMOY.—This Church has a consistory of four elders and four deacons, and a native pastor supported by itself. Pastor Lo has been sick for more than two years. Two years ago the physicians gave up all hope of his recovery, and thought his end very near. In answer to prayer, God has spared his life, and there has been, for more than a year past, a gradual improvement in his health. Last year he made a visit to Formosa, and while there began again to preach. Since his return he has been able to relieve me from the pastoral care of his Church, and has preached every Sabbath.

The small increase of members, and the large number under suspension, are sad proofs of the want of the outpouring of the Spirit on this Church. In a Christian land, a mere desire to maintain respectability will keep individuals from such conduct as would lead to suspension from Church fellowship; here the reverse is true. The influences of a heathen community like this are against a Christian course of conduct, and are so many and so powerful that it requires much more grace to resist them. Hence, when the pastor and elders of a Church are faithful, a low state of piety will be manifested in the number suspended from Church fellowship.

As Pastor Lo's health improves, enabling him to take a more efficient oversight of his charge, I trust we shall see an improvement in the prosperity of his Church. The improvement has, I think, already commenced. The eight additions to this Church in 1867 were from the out-stations; of the eight received during this year, six were from Amoy, and two more are to be baptized next Sabbath.

## KANG-THAU.

There have been two baptisms, one death, and one suspension at this out-station of the First Church.

## OPI.

At this out-station there has been one death, two suspensions, and no additions. There has been, however, much increase of interest, and a large accession to the number of inquirers. These inquirers are being winnowed gradually; some are falling off, others are proving themselves true, and will probably soon be received.

The villages of Kang-thau and O-pi are distant from each other between three and four miles. The Christians residing in them petitioned, in the spring of 1867 to be organized as a Church. A committee was appointed by the Classis to perform this work, but Mr. Kip's departure and Pastor Lo's sickness made a postponement necessary. The preliminary steps having been taken, last Sabbath the organization, under the name of the O-kang Church, was completed by the ordination of two elders and one deacon—another deacon, who had been elected, had been suddenly called away by his business. The Church begins with thirty members, all from the First Church of Amoy. A few more will soon be added from the same Church.

#### SECOND CHURCH OF AMOY.

This Church also has four elders and four deacons, and a native pastor supported by itself. Pastor Iap is not in very good health. He was laid aside from preaching for many weeks during the last summer, but was able to continue the pastoral care of the Church. For a long time we have felt the urgent need of a new outpouring of the Spirit on this Church also. The remarks made respecting the First Church apply also to the Second, but the improvement during the last year has been more manifest in this Church. Of the nineteen additions reported, eleven were from Amoy. Two more are to be added to this Church also on the next Sabbath. We have just had a very pleasant evidence that there is still much piety in the Amoy Churches—and, I trust, an increase of piety—during the Week of Prayer. The meetings were unusually well attended, and of unusual interest.

#### TE-SOA

Is an out-station, under the care of this Church, on the mainland (Amoy is an Island), about fifteen miles to the north. During the year two adults have been baptized. For a long time the work here was not very encouraging, but for the last twelve months there has been much increase of interest, and the number of inquirers has greatly multiplied. Our present chapel is entirely too small on some occasions, especially at the celebration of the Lord's Supper, when the members from Ang-tung-thau also attend, to accommodate the congregation.

## ANG-TUNG-THAU,

Also an out-station of the Second Church, is three or four miles to the northwest of Te-soa. Six adults have been baptized during the year; there have been, also, two or three suspensions from church fellowship. After the persecution here two years ago, there was a great increase in the attendance, this was followed by a reâction. Then, last summer, the present preacher stationed here was disabled by sickness for some months. He is now pretty well recovered, and the interest in that region is again increasing.

## TONG-AN

I have reported as a station. We began to send helpers to this place in 1867, to preach as opportunity offered, and they have been much encouraged. No one has yet been baptized. We have made repeated attempts to hire a room or building for worship, but in every instance the landlord has been frightened from his bargain before the lease was signed. We are very anxious to retain our foothold in this city, both because of its importance in itself, being a populous city, situated in a densely populated region, and because it is on the thoroughfare between Amoy and the district of An-khoe. If our Church supports our Mission properly, we hope soon to extend our outposts from Tong-an into this district, which, at present, seems an inviting field for missionary operations.

## CHURCH OF CHIOH-BEY.

This Church has four elders and four deacons. At the time of our last report, we hoped to be able before this to report progress in settling a native pastor over this Church. The matter has been kept before them, and has been the subject of much discussion and prayer, but they cannot yet see their way clear.

There is much that is interesting in the character of the Church of Chioh-bey. It was subject to great opposition and persecution in its infancy. It has lived through all this, and at the present time has an excellent character among the heathen. The Christians have exhibited so much prudence and such a Christ-like disposition, as to compel the people to speak well of them. A large number meet together every evening for the study of the Scriptures and for prayer.

The daily preaching services are well attended by passers-by. Many of the important truths and doctrines of Christianity must be more or less familiar to thousands in the large towns and in the region around teeming with population. Great numbers seem to be convinced of the truth and excellence of Christianity. I know of no place where there seems so much readiness for a large ingathering. The outpouring of the Holy Spirit is only necessary to lead men to embrace with the heart, the doctrines already recommended to their intellects. The Church at home will assist us in seeking for this blessing.

## CHIANG-CHIU.

The work at this out-station, under the care of the Chioh-bey Church, has increased in interest during the year. Of the eleven added to the Church at Chioh-bey, seven were baptized at Chiang-Chiu. One more was baptized on my last visit to the place. There are several inquirers who, I trust, may be received before long. The place is of so much importance that we have stationed two of our best native helpers there. The greater part of the city is still in ruins, the result of the late most disastrous rebellion. Under the oppressive and short-sighted policy of the present government, it will be many years before the city recovers its former prosperity.

In August last, I informed you of the purchase of lots in Chiang-Chiu for a chapel. It took me from that time until about ten days ago to get the deed through the Mandarin offices. It would seem that the officials are so accustomed to deception that our openness in the whole affair bewildered them.

## CHHA-THAU-PO.

I have set this down as an out-station, under the care of the Chioh-bey Church. It must be worked from Chiang-Chiu, and unless we succeed in obtaining a larger missionary force, and a part of this be located at Chiang-Chiu, the work at Chha-thau-po, and in all that region, must be left almost entirely to the care of the native Christians. It will usually take us nearly three days to reach the place from Amoy.

The work here began with two men, who had been under treatment in the hospital at Amoy, where they heard the Gospel. Re

turning home, they told what they remembered to some of their friends. Soon a request was sent to Chiang-Chiu for some one to come and teach them more of the truth. This desire being conveyed to us, as soon as possible, Mr. Kip visited the locality, and found ten persons who had renounced idolatry and were worshipping the true God according to the light they had. Since that time, which was during the last spring, we have frequently sent native helpers to the place, having them remain sometimes simply over the Sabbath, and sometimes for two or three weeks. We made two efforts last summer to have our helpers remain still longer, but on both occasions illness compelled them to return. When we find a suitable helper for the field, he should be stationed there.

As yet, we have received none of the inquirers in this town into the Church. There is a community of over twenty persons, men, women and children, who profess to worship God. They have met with and endured much persecution in time past, and are still exposed to many annoyances, to the loss of property and threats, because of their religion.

#### SCHOOLS.

Many years ago we had two parochial schools, one connected with each Church at Amoy. The one connected with the Second Church was held in the lower part of my residence. I gave considerable personal attention to it, and taught a second teacher, that he might be able to give instruction in various departments of study not usually attended to in Chinese schools. This school became very flourishing for a time. Then this "second teacher" was removed by death, and soon our hands were so much weakened that we had to cast the schools on the care of the Chinese churches. An effort was made to be more economical, and teachers were obtained for a smaller salary. The consequence was, the schools dwindled and became almost worthless. In the same way, the school at Chioh-bey finally died out.

The schools at Amoy and Chioh-bey have been resuscitated. We have employed teachers of a better class. It has cost us more money; but if money is to be laid out for schools, it has been well spent. All our schools have become prosperous. The scholars have been regular in their attendance during the whole year, which is very different from what was usually the case in years past. The school



connected with the Second Church of Amoy has thirty-four scholars. I do not suppose that there is another school in this city at all to be compared with it as to size and efficiency. Perhaps the one the nearest to it is that of the First Church. The school at Chioh-bey, has twenty scholars, instead of half a dozen as in former years. Perhaps we should, this year, establish schools at Chiang-Chiu and Ang-tung-thau.

#### NATIVE PREACHERS.

I have set down the number of these, including the two native pastors, at eighteen. The two pastors are sustained by the native Churches. Of the sixteen sustained by the Mission, two or three, perhaps, should be reckoned as chapel-keepers, which is their especial business. But they are very valuable helpers.

These preachers and native helpers generally show commendable zeal, and are of the utmost importance in our work. They cost the Mission from \$50 to \$100 each per annum. During the past year there has been more sickness than usual among them. In a few instances, I think, the sickness was caused by overwork, or, at least, by neglect of themselves when they had found better opportunities for preaching than usual.

#### THEOLOGICAL STUDENTS.

This class has now been in existence for many years. Our most valuable helpers had a part of their training in it. In consequence of the amount of work on my hands, I have not been able to give much attention to the class during the past year. I meet with them once a week, to give instruction in the analysis of texts of Scripture, and in sermonizing. The missionaries of the English Presbyterian Mission have also given them instruction in various departments of knowledge, such as systematic theology, scripture history and exegesis, as they have been able. The students of the two Missions meet together in these exercises.

We made application early last fall for an appropriation of \$300, that we might be able to erect a building for our theological students on Kolongsu. After the completion of our residence, I purchased an adjoining lot of ground. Part of it, at least, was needed for the protection of our house. It will be a very suitable place for

our Theological Hall. Perhaps on account of the smallness of the amount we asked for (only \$300 for a Theological Seminary!) the matter was not considered very important, and was forgotten by the Board. We consider it a matter of great importance. Those young men ought to be under our immediate and constant supervision. By being near me, they might receive some instruction every day, instead of once a week, as at present. I ought to add that the rooms occupied by these young men are in our former residence, a part of which is occupied by Pastor Iap, so that they are somewhat under his supervision. This department of our work—the training of young men to become pastors and helpers—cannot be over-estimated.

#### MEDICAL STUDENTS.

I have mentioned one medical student under our care, Dr. Carnegie, who has had charge of the missionary hospital for so many years, and has made it so efficient, originated the plan of medical students. He recommended that each of the three Missions should select a lad of piety and promise, and engaged, on his part, to give them medical instruction. These lads are on the same footing as our theological students. If they turn out well, they will be of great assistance to us in our work.

Dr. Carnegie has now left Amoy, to the great regret of all the missionaries and foreign residents. Dr. Jones has kindly consented to carry on the hospital work, and give instruction to these students.

#### THE INSTRUCTION OF WOMEN.

This is a subject of great importance, not presented in our statistical table. A serious obstacle to the advance of our Church in all that is good, is the ignorance of the women. There are none who can read the whole Bible, and very few can read some of the easier portions of it. By far the larger part of them cannot read the proper Chinese characters at all. Imagine, if you can, what would be the efficiency of a Church in the United States, none of the female members of which could read. What can you expect of families with such wives and mothers? What of the children trained by them?

The question, how can this evil be remedied? has given us much anxious thought. In Amoy and Chioh-bey, where we have schools

connected with our Churches, we have endeavored to impress on parents the duty of educating their children—their daughters as well as their sons. At all other stations, although theoretically teaching them the same duty, we have not been able to render them any practical assistance. Now look at the statistics of the three schools I have mentioned—in all nine girls!

It may be said, “the parents are to blame.” No doubt they are. But we have to deal with facts. Beside the subject is beset with difficulties. The state of society is such that it would be unsafe for girls to pass through the streets alone to school, except when they live in its immediate neighborhood. Then again, when they arrive at the age of 13 or 14 years, it is felt to be improper to leave them in a promiscuous school. It is a sad fact also that the female children who have the advantage of these few years in school, lose the little knowledge of the Chinese characters they had gained. This is not to be wondered at. The written language is a different language from that which is spoken. Suppose a school to be established for teaching small boys and girls in the Latin, how many of the scholars would retain their ability to read it after they had left the school a few years, if they had no other inducement to continue its practice than the opportunity of reading a few ancient books? This is a fair illustration of the case before us.

We may hope, as Christianity advances, that there will be a corresponding advance in teaching the children of the Church, and when Christianity shall have made sufficient progress, all the children of the Church will be taught, at least, to read. But how many years, perhaps generations, must we wait for this? What in the meantime shall we do for the ignorant women (not to speak of the men) already in the Church, and the great multitudes whom we hope to see brought in? Even though the children may be taught to read the Chinese characters, these cannot be. We have been trying for twenty years to teach the women to read the Bible. We have encouraged them to take the Bible and follow us as we read it from the pulpit. There are a few who have made such proficiency as to be able to find the place where we are reading, and very few who can go much further.

It was, in order to meet and remove this difficulty, as far as possible, that an experiment was made of furnishing some books in the romanized colloquial. This may not have been the best plan, but thus far it has been the only one. We do not expect this system

of writing ever to become general and supplant the Chinese character. It is only a temporary expedient to do what we can to remedy a great evil. The experiment was begun many years ago. It promised well for a time. Then the supply of books failed, and our Mission became too much weakened to carry this work forward. About two years ago, Mr. Van Doren undertook to put our small hand-press again in operation, and furnish us with books, provided the older missionaries would supply him with "copy."

As soon as Mrs. Kip was able to use the language sufficiently, she took charge, on Thursday afternoon of each week, of the women's meeting, for religious instruction and prayer, connected with the Second Church. When colloquial books began again to be furnished, she added a-half hour to the exercises of this meeting for teaching the romanized colloquial. Mrs. Talmage joined her on Sundays, before the afternoon service, to assist in this teaching, thus beginning a Sunday School composed of old as well as young, connected with the Second Church. When the experiment began to prove successful in this church, Mrs. Talmage, her health having become sufficient to warrant it, commenced a similar class in the First Church on Friday afternoon of each week, also meeting with them on Sunday before the afternoon service. Since Mrs. Kip's return to the United States, Mrs. Talmage has taken both classes, and on Sunday alternates between the two Churches. These classes have advanced so far in the knowledge of the colloquial books, that the only instruction she now has occasion to give, is to listen to their reading of the portions of Scripture which are the subjects of study on the week days, and to hear their answers to the Scripture questions which form their lessons for Sundays. Of those who attend these classes, there are now forty women, in our two Amoy Churches, who thus read, with greater or less fluency, the colloquial Scriptures, and recite from the Scripture question book.

Beside, the Scriptural instruction which these women thus obtain directly from attendance on these classes, they are much more interested and interesting hearers of the preaching of the Word than they were previously. It is worthy of note how soon Christianity begins to show its influence even in the external appearance of those who embrace it, and attend on the ordinances of God's house, softening the countenance, kindling an expression of intelligence, and increasing the appearance of respectability in the whole person.



In the same way does the ability to read, even these few colloquial books, begin to show itself in the appearance of these women.

*In conclusion* it becomes me to make acknowledgment, with sincere gratitude to God, of the health enjoyed by myself and family, during the greater part of the year. It is known that Mrs. Talmage's health was so seriously affected by our protracted voyage out, that for a long time after we were in great anxiety lest she should never recover. Since our removal to Kolongsu, her health has continued, very slowly indeed, to improve. After the departure of Mrs. Kip, it was with many misgivings, on my part and that of others, that she undertook the charge of the class left by Mrs. Kip in addition to that of her own. But the work seemed important enough to warrant the experiment. God has given us strength equal to our day.

When we consider the weakness of the Mission; for more than half of the year only one missionary and one assistant missionary in the field; one of the native pastors laid aside, by sickness, from all work during more than half a year, and only able to perform very partial service during the remainder of the time; the other native pastor in only partial health—for many weeks laid aside from all preaching—and an unusual amount of sickness among our native helpers, we have great cause for thankfulness to the great Head of the Church that we are able to report so much progress for the year.

## 2. THE ARCOT MISSION. INDIA.

(Organized in 1854.)

The Mission occupies :

*North Arcot District.*—Area, 5017 square miles; population, 1,000,716.

*South Arcot District.*—Area, 4,916 square miles; population 1,102,184.

The following extracts are presented from the Annual Report of the Mission :

The Lord has been very merciful to us. Sickness has entered our dwellings it is true, and several of our number have been seriously ill. Still death has not been permitted to invade our circle, and restoring mercies have been granted to those who were sick.

The Lord has been very kind to our native Agents also. Of the



sixty-nine mentioned in our last report, only one has been removed by death. The number of these helpers has been increased, and now eighty are actively engaged in the various departments of our work. As a body they have rendered us most efficient aid, we have great reason to thank the Lord for raising them up to be co-laborers with us in His vineyard.

## TOURING.

Number of tours.....	17
“ “ encampments.....	44
Number of days the missionaries were out.....	204
“ “ “ “ native helpers “ .....	733
“ “ sermons preached.....	2,887
“ “ villages reached.....	2,411
“ in audiences.....	74,482
“ of books sold.....	4,657

## EVANGELISTIC WORK.

THIS includes the visitation of the villages within a few miles of the stations. The statistics of this work are :

Number of sermons preached.....	3,792
“ “ villages reached.....	305
“ “ places preached in.....	3,779
“ in audiences.....	127,801
“ of books sold.....	4,292

The proclamation of the Gospel to the adult population of our district is the chief object of our Mission, and to it we devote our best energies. A marked and cheering change has been noticed by us in the manner in which the people listen to the Gospel message. The story of Jesus' love was formerly heard with indifference or undissembled scorn. Now it often elicits a subdued and earnest attention. Almost all violent opposition has passed away. A spirit of serious inquiry in regard to the claims of Christianity seems to be rapidly extending over the land, and quite a number of village congregations have placed themselves under our care during the past year.

A vast preparatory work is doing. The tables show that to over 200,000 souls the Gospel has been preached. When it pleases the Lord to follow these labors with a copious out-pouring of His Spirit,

a great and saving change will take place among the people. Let our daily and importunate prayer ascend to Him for that Spirit.

#### SAHODARA SANGAM.

Such is the vernacular name (meaning Band of Brothers) given to a benevolent society which has been organized by our native brethren during the past year. Its immediate object is to minister to the necessities of poor converts who require aid. Persons renouncing heathenism and placing themselves under our care, are often left in the most destitute circumstances. Their friends renounce them; their employers denounce and dismiss them; every effort is made to injure their property or deprive them of it. In the midst of these trials they appeal to us for assistance. This Society is designed to meet such appeals. The assistance is afforded in the way of small loans, which the recipient pledges himself to return if prospered in his business. That many of them are honest in giving these pledges is sufficiently evinced by the fact that considerable sums have already been paid back into the Society's treasury. During the past year, the sum of Rupees, 1,550, has been contributed to the Society, and much good has been accomplished by it.

#### RESULTS.

A glance at the station reports and table of statistics will show that encouraging progress has been made by our Mission. Thirteen new Christian congregations have been added to those reported last year; one new church has been organized at Modur, making a total of fourteen in the Mission; the communicants have increased from 439 to 534; the Christian community, which last year included 1,722 souls, now numbers 2,094; the buildings for the Arcot Seminary have been completed; a large number of youths have been instructed in our schools and Seminaries, and our Medical Department has been in a most flourishing condition. These are the cheering results, and to God we give all the glory.

#### RE-ENFORCEMENT.

Our great want is an addition to our missionary force. The departure of Rev. E. C. Scudder, to recruit, has left a fearful gap in our already reduced number. Nearly seven years have passed away since the youngest member of our Mission joined us. All the mis-

sionaries now in the field are severely overtaxed. It seems almost miraculous that they do not sink under their burdens. The missionary at Vellore is performing the duties hitherto devolving upon two persons. Palamanair, one of our two Telugu stations, is vacant. Guriattum, Tindevanum, and Wandiwash, are fields which ought to be occupied at once by a missionary. Thus five missionaries are needed this day to man the field already under cultivation. The interests of our work are daily suffering for want of them. Often have we represented these urgent circumstances. Still we have not the promise of a single new man. Again we raise an earnest, pressing cry to the Board for men.

#### PUBLICATIONS.

During the past year we have issued the following works :

An edition of "Telugu Jewel Mine".....	5,000 copies.
"    "    " Sweet Savors " in Tamil.....	3,000 copies.
Tamil New Testament and Psalms.....	1,500 copies.
Telugu Bible.....	250 copies.

The copies of New Testament and Psalms, and also of the Telugu Bible, are parts of editions printed in connection with the Madras Auxiliary Bible Society.

A Tamil translation of the Heidelberg Catechism is now in press, and we think it will be found to be a valuable addition to the religious literature in Tamil.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	Out-Stations.	Communicants, '67.	Communicants, '68.	Baptized Adults not Communicants.	Baptized Children.	Catechumens.	Children of Catechumens.	Suspended.	Scholars in Vernacular Schools.	Total of Congregations, '67.	Total of Congregations, '68.	Contributions.		
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Arcot.....	2	42	39	17	25	47	43	2	26	130	173	93	5	0
Arnee.....	11	67	76	6	69	163	173	3	97	319	490	164	4	3
Aliandal.....		19	21	2	17	29	27	3	11	97	99	*		
Chittoor.....	3	52	59	12	73	32	35	3	49	161	214	198	0	0
Coonoor.....	1	61	74	26	96	11	4		43	183	211	246	0	0
Gnanodiam...	4	45	74	21	62	38	38	2	24	115	235	No Report.		
Kattupadi...		17	13	7	13	12	12	1	25	51	58	No Report.		
Kundipatoor..		22	22	5	17	6	4		19	58	54	16	3	5
Modur.....			21		25	4	3		13		53	*		
Mudnapilly...		10	13	9	20	5	3			43	50	No Report.		
Palamanair...	1	10	14	9	17	8	4			43	52	No Report.		
Sattambady...		19	21	4	14	1			11	149	40	No Report.		
Vellambi.....		13	20	3	19	4	3	5	12	42	54	*		
Vellore.....	3	61	67	57	88	48	51		109	321	311	182	0	5
Total..	25	439	534	178	555	408	400	19	439	1712	2094	899	13	1

\*\*\*Included in Arnee. A rupee is about 50 cents, gold.

The *Arcot Seminary*, for boys, is at Vellore, and has 47 pupils; the *Girls' Seminary* at Chittoor, and has 46 pupils. The *Preparandi Class* is taught at Arcot, and has 26 pupils.

The following are the names of the out-stations whose statistics are included in those of the churches to which they belong: *Arcot*

has Manimutthu and Eranthangal; *Arnee* has Servoor, Malliampet, Pudupakan, Parachoor, Sandavasal, Tachambady, Maritambady, Tindivanam, Nungatoor, Adanur, Oratur; *Gnanodiam* has Aurunadu, Sirudalambandi, Paryantangle, Kirkalur; *Chittoor* has Bommai-Samudram, Konay Palli, Nanam Palli; *Coonor* has Kotagherri; *Palamanair* has Arunodia; *Vellore* has Oudranthangal, Shekadu, Vannumpally.

## STATE OF THE CHURCHES.

### ARCOT.

Rev. S. D. Scudder, M.D., *in charge of Dispensary and Hospital*; Rev. John Scudder, M. D., *in charge of the Church*; Mrs. S. D. Scudder and Mrs. John Scudder, *Assistant Missionaries*.

Joseph, John Silas, *Assistant Catechists*; Job, *Reader*; Peter, *Reader and Teacher in Preparandi School*; Isaac, *Teacher*; Paul, *Tract Colporteur*.

Rev. John Scudder writes as follows:

Although a number of families left us with the departure of the 1st Light Cavalry, still there has been an increase of 14 in the congregation. The increase is owing mostly to those who have joined us from heathenism and Romanism. Four persons have been added to the church on confession of their faith, and one has been received by certificate from another church; but notwithstanding these additions, the number of communicants is three less than last year. Death has removed one, we trust, to the church triumphant. One has been suspended for immoral conduct, and six have been dismissed to other churches, making a loss of eight, which leaves the present number 39. Nothing of very special interest has occurred during the year. The congregation have been regular in their attendance at divine service, and many of them have, I trust, grown in Christian graces. They have contributed freely from their poverty to benevolent objects, having given during the year Rupees 93-5-0. This is an advance on last year. It has been my privilege to baptize 15 adults and 5 infants. Many of the adults are members of the Preparandi School, who, a short time previous, were worshipping idols and false gods, but now are followers of the Saviour. The usual services have been maintained in the church, beside two prayer-meetings held at the houses of the different members of the congreg-



gation. A prayer-meeting for the women has also been held, which is conducted alternately by Mrs. S. D. Scudder and Mrs. John Scudder. Daily prayers are held in the compound of the Missionary, after which many of the women are instructed in the Catechism. The whole congregation is catechized every Sabbath after morning service.

*Vernacular School.*—There are at present 26 scholars. They are examined weekly by Mrs. S. D. Scudder.

*Manimuttu.*—The number of Catechumens at this institution is the same as last year. They have been instructed daily in the rudiments of Christianity. Many promise to join their number, but lack courage to take the final step. The school is very small. The people worship at Arcot on the morning of the Sabbath, and have a service in their own village in the afternoon.

*Eranthangal.*—This village has recently joined us. They have been considering the subject for years, and have at last rejected their idols and allied themselves to the Lord's people. Seven families, composed of 13 adults and 16 children, have put themselves under our instruction,

## ARNEE.

Rev. Joseph Mayou, *Missionary*. Mrs. Mayou, *Assistant Missionary*.

Paul Bailey, V. Thomas, Daniel, Simon, P. H. Joseph, *Catechists*. P. Joshua, A. Anthony, A. Solomon, *Assistant Catechists*. Michael, John Joseph, Nithian, M. David, Solomon Havildar, *Readers*. Francis, Charles, Benjamin, Simon Martin, P. David, C. Barnabas, Aaron Peter, Nathaniel, Nicholas, Ayasami, *Teachers*. Allappan, Manuel, Vedamanikam, Zachariah Souri, *Colporteurs*.

The report of Arnee includes that of the organized churches of Aliandal, Vellambi, Modur, and the out-stations, Malliampett, Pudukam, Parachoor, Sandavasal, Tavuni, Tachambady, Maritambady, Tindivanum, Nungatoor, Adanur, and Oratur.

Mr. Mayou reports :

My supervision extends over three distinct sections, viz. : Arnee, Gnanodiam, and Tindivanum, embracing 21 congregations, situated in seven Talooks (counties), hence it is evident that the field is too great to be successfully managed by one Missionary. During the past year a kind Providence has given us health and strength to labor continuously.

The *results* of the past year are as follows : It has been my privilege to baptize 34 infants, and, on confession of their faith in the Lord Jesus, 34 adults. 18 deaths have occurred, viz. : 7 adults and 11 children. A church has been organized at Modur. A pastor has been installed over the Church of Gnanodiam. Eight churches and school houses have been built. There has been a gain of over 200 from Romanism and heathenism. Small congregations have been gathered in six villages, and beginnings made in several others. Beside the multifarious duties belonging to the different congregations, I have engaged in six tours among the heathen, in which we made 21 encampments, visited 601 villages, preached to 24,799 people, and distributed 1,974 books. The native assistants report that they have preached in 861 places to 22,760 people, and distributed 346 books. These efforts have been made among all classes of the people, from the highest to the lowest. The results are yet to come. God will bless His Word.

There are many difficulties attending the reception of the Gospel by the poor. It entirely severs them from their heathen neighbors, so that in a time of trouble they can obtain no help. The year has been a hard one for our people ; they have managed to live, and that is all. The continual scarcity of rain has produced want bordering at times on starvation. Some of the villages have barely been kept from disintegration, and as the present season is of the same trying character, I fear they will not be able to endure the continual drought, but be compelled to scatter to other villages to seek a livelihood.

The new congregation of Tachambady have given us much satisfaction notwithstanding the violent persecution they have suffered. By their patience they will conquer.

I must again call attention to the pressing need of a Missionary for Tindivanum, the natural centre of the north-eastern section of the South Arcot District. The advantages of the place were dwelt upon in last year's report. The field has opened up during the year, and we have been invited to a number of places around Nungatoor, a centre of Romanism. The Roman Catechist of the place, who had charge of over 60 villages, has with others joined us, and his example will probably be followed by many. The elder brother of A. Anthony, our first convert from South Arcot, is one of the number, and has, in consequence, been beaten by his father, although he is a man over

40 years of age. His wife and children have been taken from him, and he has been driven from his house.

They have all been cut off from fire and water, and have been deprived of the services of the village washerman. These persecutions they have all joyfully borne for the truth of God's Word, and have thereby led others to consider the tyrannical system pursued by the Romish Church. We have appointed a Catechist at Nungatoor, and an Assistant Catechist at Adanur, a village 10 miles south of Nungatoor, but are unable at present to man other places which call for instruction for lack of helpers. The whole section of the country is a very hopeful one, but needs the constant presence and attendance of a Missionary. Rev. John Scudder, M.D., and myself spent three weeks in the region around Nungatoor visiting the villages, and preaching the Word and conversing with many who came to our tent. We were much pleased with the hopefulness of the field, and have no doubt that a large number of Romanists and heathen would flock to the banner of the Cross if it could be worked persistently by a Missionary with a few good assistants. I trust that the Mission and the Board will soon see their way to place a Missionary at Tindivanam to work the whole field.

I would especially notice that the church of Vellambi, which was under a cloud last year by the bad conduct of several of its members, has made laudable efforts to redeem its character. Its members have been orderly and obedient, and the fruit of it is seen in the increase of the congregation as well as in the membership. As I write this report the last two of the Romanists have given up their opposition and have joined us, and in proof of their sincerity they have brought to us the images they formerly used to worship. I learn it was hard for them to give up these darling idols. Notwithstanding that the year has been a hard one in many respects to our churches, I have still thankfully to acknowledge that they have increased in liberality. The churches under my care have contributed to various purposes the sum of Rupees 164.4.3 during the year.

Mrs. Mayou has superintended the schools around the station, has conducted the women's weekly prayer-meeting, and in many and various ways consistent with family duties has enlarged her sphere of labor in behalf of the women, and has attended to many duties during my frequent absence from the station.

## CHITTOOR.

Rev. J. W. Scudder, M.D., *Missionary*. Mrs. J. W. Scudder, *Assistant Missionary*.

Israel, Isaac, Isaiah, *Catechists*. Isaac Henry, John Abraham, *Assistant Catechists*. Paul Silas, Isaac Lazar, *Readers*.

Rev. J. W. Scudder reports :

During the year nineteen persons have been received into this church. Of these twelve were admitted on confession of faith, six by certificate from other churches, and the remaining one was relieved from excommunication. Five persons have been removed by death, and five have been dismissed by certificate to other churches. I have administered baptism to three adults and eleven children, and solemnized three marriages.

The record of the year is, on the whole, gratifying. The addition to the church of twelve persons on confession of their faith in our Lord is certainly encouraging. Attendance on divine worship has been pretty regular, and the conduct of the church members such that no occasion of discipline has been given. These facts make us thankful, and afford us new hope and spirit for the labors of another year.

There have been two preaching services on the Sabbath, and a catechizing of the whole congregation at the close of the morning worship, also a lecture service on Wednesday evening. Two prayer-meetings a week have been held in the houses of native Christians, and Mrs. Scudder has conducted a women's prayer-meeting every Thursday.

The church has contributed : For the support of the Ministry among themselves, Rupees 74.8.6 ; for benevolent purposes at home and abroad, Rupees 123.7.6 ; total Rupees, 198.0.0. This is an increase of more than 20 Rupees upon the contributions of last year.

*Out-Stations*.—In Bommai-Samudram, about twelve miles south of Chittoor, four persons with their families placed themselves under instructions in February last. Two of these relapsed into heathenism. The others have stood fast, though exposed to much obloquy and persecution. In December three more families joined us. The Catechist, who has resided here eight months, reports a favorable prospect of further additions.

Konay Palli is a village four miles southwest of Chittoor. In March last, four heads of families sought for Christian instruction.



In a month or two after one was brought very low with fever. It was regarded as a punishment for forsaking his gods, and he with a comrade went back to heathenism. One has lately rejoined us.

NANAMPALLI.—This village is three miles east of Chittoor. Four families have joined us here during the year. The people are extremely ignorant as in all these villages. We have simply a foothold here, but the Gospel will enlighten and elevate.

*Schools.*—We have two day schools, one for boys and one for girls. The death of one teacher about the middle of the year compelled me to unite the schools. The attendance has been fair, and the scholars have passed creditable weekly examinations before Mrs. Scudder. There are 49 scholars.

#### COONNOOR.

Rev. Zechariah John, *Native Pastor*. Yesadian, *Catechist*. Maleappan, *Reader*. Massilamani, *Teacher*.

The Rev. Z. John reports :

Eight have been received on certificate, and five on confession of their faith; two suspended members have been restored, five have been dismissed to other churches, two have died, and two have been suspended. Eight adults and eighteen children have been baptized. One adult and two children of the congregation have died.

The Sabbath service has been regularly maintained. A weekly prayer-meeting has been held at the houses of the members. The houses of the foreign residents have been visited, and the Gospel has been preached to the servants. We have also preached at the weekly bazaar to the heathen.

The Lord has not left us without signs of his approbation. Three families, comprising six adults, have joined us from among the heathen, and two catechumens have been received into the Church. There is a movement amongst the heathen of this place. They listen with marked attention, and seem at times under deep impressions.

Though most of the members of this Church are poor, yet they have not slackened their benevolent exertions. They have contributed : Towards the support of their pastor, Rupees 166.8.0. At Sabbath and Sacramental collections, Rupees 57.5.8. Rice given by female members, Rupees 22.2.4. Total, Rupees 246. The last item needs explanation. The women set apart a handful of rice from their daily portions, and on the Sabbath day they bring the gathered



quantity to the Church, and give it to the Lord. This rice has been sold for Rupees 22.2.4. This is done with hearty gladness by the women.

I wish to mention in this connection with grateful thanks the kindness of Major and Mrs. Sweet to me personally. They called on me and inquired into my circumstances. Finding I was in debt Rupees 20, they kindly paid it. It seemed to me like a gift from heaven to remove a burden that was oppressing me. Another gentleman was also very kind to me.

*The School.*—Our day school is prospering, and has an attendance of 27 children. Although Coonoor is a small place, quite a number of schools have been established in it, and have drawn away some of our children. An English school was opened, and some of our boys wished to attend it. I therefore arranged to have a little English taught in our school. Messrs. Sweet, Thacker, and Wilkinson gave me Rupees 38 for the school, and the boys have paid nearly Rupees 7 beside. I examine the school every Monday.

KOTAGHERRI.—Johnson, *Assistant Catechist*.

This out-station had last year only 13 attendants on Christian worship. During this year there has been a gain of eleven. A building suited both for divine service and for a day school has been erected. The Missionaries who have visited Coonoor, and myself, have at least once a month, and sometimes twice, visited Kotagherri, and examined the school. Two adults and three children have been baptized.

The Catechist has preached the Gospel in the weekly bazaars, and in the town to many heathen souls. I have preached to large gatherings, and distributed among them many tracts and Scripture portions.

#### GNANODIAM.

Rev. Andrew Sawyer, *Native Pastor*. Samuel Sawyer, *Assistant Catechist*. Y. C. Thomas, Souriappan, Jacob Babu, *Readers*. K. Joshua, P. Isaac, Arokiam, John Apavu, John Arokiam, *Teachers*. K. Zechariah, *Colporteur*.

Rev. Andrew Sawyer reports :

Two services have been held on the Lord's day. Public prayers are held every evening, when the saving truths of the Gospel have been made known, and the congregation instructed and questioned respecting our Saviour's life.

Two deaths have occurred during the year. Houses of worship have been built, by God's favor, in each of the villages of Gnanodiam, Sattambady, and Arunadu. The Christian congregations attached to this station are four in number.

*Arunadu*.—The people of this new village have heard the Word of God with eagerness, have forsaken the false ways in which they formerly trusted, have been instructed in the rudiments of Christianity, and have daily been walking orderly. Three families, having been instructed in the elements of Christian doctrine, upon confession of their faith, were baptized and received to the Lord's Supper. A few families are still under instruction for baptism. The congregation is regularly instructed on the Sabbath and at evening prayers.

*Sattambady*.—Divine worship is conducted both morning and evening of the Sabbath, and evening prayers during the week. A weekly prayer-meeting for women is kept up. The Gospel is preached as much as possible among the surrounding villages.

*Sirudalabundi*.—Religious services are conducted and instruction given as in the other villages. A few families have forsaken Christianity and have gone back to heathenism. Still three families of believers have been instructed and baptized and received into the church. The Gospel has been made known to the neighboring villages.

*Pariantangle*.—Divine service and instruction the same as in the other villages. A few persons have been baptized and admitted to the Lord's Supper. A few are still under instruction. Another congregation in the village of *Kirkaloor* has been received under Christian instruction, and a Christian Reader and a schoolmaster have been sent among them to instruct them. The congregation numbers 63. Two other villages near this one are talking of joining us soon.

#### MUDNAPILLY.

Rev. J. Chamberlain, M.D., *Missionary*. Mrs. Chamberlain, *Assistant Missionary*. P. Souri, *Catechist*. Rayal, *Assistant Catechist*. Anthony, *Teacher*.

Rev. J. Chamberlain writes :

I have been away from here on tours and in evangelistic work at out-stations altogether 122 days during the year. The native help-

ers and myself have preached in 1,601 different towns and villages to 20,012 people. In more than half of these villages it was the first sowing of the seed. In nearly all of the villages we have visited we have been politely received and willingly listened to. I remember but one marked exception.

The Christian congregation has increased during the year from 43 to 50. It has been my privilege to baptize eight adults, formerly heathen, on confession of their faith in Christ, and six children. Two have been received into the church by confession, and three by certificate from other churches, but this increase has been partially counterbalanced by the removal of some of our former members to other places. Two of the adults have died since their baptism, both rejoicing in Christ as their Saviour.

There are six villages about us in which a number of persons have declared their full intention to become Christians, and apparently they are in earnest; but none can as yet summon the courage to take the decisive step.

*Medical Work.*—While kept in my tent during the months of April and May by the heat, I devoted my energies in a great measure to medical work, opening my dispensary every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday morning, and receiving all who came for medical or surgical aid. During the latter month my average number of patients was about 50, while the average number of those present at the religious exercises preceding the giving out of medicines was over 60, and a number of times 75 and 80 were present.

#### PALAMANAIR.

Rev. J. Chamberlain, Jr., M.D., *in charge*.

John Hill, *Catechist*. Samuel Seth, *Teacher*. Alexander, *Bible Colporteur*.

Mr. Chamberlain writes:

I have resided here with my family for five months of the year. Two tours and a part of another have been made in this region. We have visited every village above the ghauts within 10 miles of Palamanair. In several villages are some who express the desire to become Christians. The Catechist has pursued a systematic visitation of the villages within three miles of the town.

ARUNODAYA—*Out-Station.*—This infant congregation has passed through a series of temporal reverses. Crop after crop failed them in consequence of the severe drought prevalent in this region, and

had it not been for aid kindly rendered by Government, in the way of digging a well and making roads upon which they could obtain work, they must have been reduced to starvation. The rains of October have now, however, given them brighter prospects.

There has been, I hope, a growth among the people in spiritual knowledge during the year under review. There are now six candidates under instruction for admission to the Lord's table, and three others are asking for baptism. Their progress, temporal, and spiritual, may, I think, be considered as on the whole satisfactory.

#### VELLORE.

Rev. W. W. Scudder, D.D., Rev. E. C. Scudder, (in the United States), *Missionaries*. Mrs. W. W. and E. C. Scudder, *Assistant Missionaries*. Abraham William, P. Jaganathan, Masillamani, *Catechists*. Gnanaparanum, *Assistant Catechist*. Peter, Solomon Abraham, *Teachers*.

Rev. Dr. William W. Scudder reports :

The total of the congregation shows a falling off of forty-three souls. This has been not due to a falling back into heathenism. These persons have left Vellore, and are, therefore, stricken from our list. Many of them were connected with the 6th Reg. Native Infantry. The number of communicants, however, has increased.

During the year, 18 persons have been received to the communion of the church ; 7 of them on confession, and 11 on certificate. Three communicants have been transferred to other churches, and nine having left Vellore have been dropped from our list. Seven children and two adults have been baptized. Three adult members of the congregation have died.

The amount contributed for benevolent purposes by the native members of the congregation is Rupees 182.0.5. This shows a commendable increase over the contributions for 1867, and it gives us great pleasure to record this evidence that the spirit of benevolence is being cultivated and enlarged in our church.

There have been two services held every Sabbath and one every Saturday in the church. Several weekly prayer meetings have been sustained in the private dwellings of the congregation, and a female prayer meeting, under the charge of Mrs. Scudder, has been held every Tuesday afternoon at the Mission house.

The wife of one of the Catechists has been employed throughout the year as a Bible Reader.



There are two parochial schools connected with this station. The one for boys has 49 names on its roll. This school is taught by one of the graduates of our seminary, and the children have made commendable progress in their studies. The school for girls has 18 names on its catalogue. I am sorry that Mrs. Scudder is obliged to report that the scholars have not advanced in their studies as they should have done. A slight improvement has latterly taken place, but the state of the school is still far from satisfactory. Unless a decided change for the better manifests itself, it will become necessary to seek for a more efficient teacher. Both schools have been examined almost every week by Mrs. Scudder.

Street preaching in Vellore and its vicinity, and also in the villages surrounding the outskirts, has been regularly maintained.

KATTUPADI.—*Out-Station*.—Jacob Ragi, *Assistant Catechist*. Jno. Moses, *Teacher*. Karubam, *Colporteur*.

During the year two communicants have removed from the place—one has been suspended and one died—leaving the present number of communicants thirteen. Twelve members of the congregation having gone elsewhere to reside, have been stricken from the roll. Seventeen persons have been added to the congregation.

Two Sabbath services and one weekly prayer meeting have been sustained throughout the year.

The day school numbers twenty-five children, who come to Vellore occasionally to be examined.

The work at this out-station is on the whole encouraging. Seventeen persons have placed themselves under Christian instruction, and there is good reason to hope for still greater increase.

KANDIPATUR, a *Church*.—V. Yesadian, *Catechist*. Moses, *Colporteur*.

There is very little to report in regard to this out-station. The number of communicants remains the same, there having been neither additions nor losses. One member of the congregation has died, and four have left the place. One new member has been added to the congregation.

Two services on the Sabbath and daily prayers have been held in the church throughout the year, and the congregation have been regularly instructed in the catechism. A weekly female prayer meeting has also been maintained. Rupees 16.3.5 have been con-



tributed to benevolent purposes. The Lord's Supper has been administered three times during the year.

The day school numbers 19 children, who have been instructed chiefly by the Catechist's wife. The attendance has not, however, been as regular as is desirable.

SHEKADU.—*Out-Station*.—Samuel, *Catechist*. Jeba Gnanam, *Teacher*. Munian, *Colporteur*.

Last year this congregation was mentioned as one which had recently joined us. The number of adherents was then 42. I am sorry to say that several of these have relapsed into heathenism. They were exposed to many trials and temptations, and were not able to withstand the pressure. One household, after leaving us for a time, placed themselves again under instruction, and a new household numbering five souls has joined the congregation. The persons now constituting the congregation seemed to be firmly established in the Christian faith, and a number of them are anxious to be received to the ordinances of the Church.

The day school has an attendance of 21 children.

VENNAMPALLY.—*Out-Station*.—Israel, *Teacher*.

This congregation renounced heathenism and placed themselves under our instruction about nine months since. They have thus far remained steadfast in their determination to be Christians, and have made commendable progress in Scripture knowledge. We trust their numbers will increase during the coming year, and that we may soon have the privilege of organizing a church of God in their village. A small school of nine scholars has been opened. The teacher does not confine his labors to the school, but carries the gospel message to the surrounding villages.

ONDRANTHANGAL.—*Out-Station*.—Solomon, *Teacher*.

This also is a congregation which has been gathered during the year. The persons constituting it have long been considering the claims of Christianity, and have on several previous occasions been almost ready to join us. They have come at last, and we trust they may have faith to continue in the faith. A school has been established in their village, and numbers 19 scholars. The teacher has recently commenced visiting the surrounding villages for the purpose of preaching to the heathen, and reports 244 as constituting the audiences addressed.

A spirit of inquiry seems to be awakened in many villages ad-

joining Vellore, and we have reason to hope for large accessions to our number. May the Lord give us an abundant harvest of souls. It is for this we look and labor and pray.

#### THE PREPARANDI SCHOOL.

This institution, Rev. John Scudder reports, has been in a flourishing condition during the larger part of the year. At the time of our last report it contained but nine students, there are now twenty-seven. Thirty-four have been connected with it during the year.

Of these, two have been sent to the Arcot Seminary, one has been sent out as a colporteur, and four have returned to their friends, leaving the present number twenty-seven. All the members of this institution have come to us from heathenism or Romanism, and are of various castes. They have made commendable progress in their studies, and now we are about to send five of them to the Arcot Seminary. They recite their lessons to Mrs. Scudder, four times a week. Peter, a native helper, is their regular teacher. Ten of the present number have been introduced into the visible church by baptism.

#### GIRLS SEMINARY. CHITTOOR.

Mr. Cumine, *Teacher*. Isaac Henry, *Assistant Teacher*. Mrs. Lackey, *Matron*.

Rev. J. W. Scudder reports :

It gives me pleasure to report this institution as generally prosperous throughout the year. The number of scholars is forty-six. Their health and comfort have been greatly promoted by their occupancy of the spacious and well-ventilated seminary building completed last year. The usual course of study has been steadily pursued, and the girls have made commendable progress. Mr. Cumine, the teacher, has, I regret to say, been prevented by illness from attending to his duties for nearly three out of the twelve months, but we have tried, not without success, I hope, to make up for any deficiency that might have been expected to result from his absence. Mrs. Scudder has devoted much time and attention to the institution, and the matron, Mrs. Lackey, has, as usual, been a mother to the girls. About Rupees 120 have, during the year, been realized by the sale of crochet work, all of it the product of the scholars' industry. Two girls have been married to graduates of the Arcot Seminary, and are now located with their husbands in

their fields of labor. The most gratifying event of the year in connection with this seminary is, that eight of the older girls have given themselves to the Saviour, and become members of His church. There has been a good deal of religious feeling among all the scholars, evinced by a love of the Scriptures and of prayer, for which we feel deeply grateful to our Heavenly Father. May He bring all these little ones within His fold !

At the close of last year, I appealed for pecuniary aid towards the furnishing of the school-room with desks and other necessary apparatus. A part of the sum required has been subscribed in America, and one or two promises have been made in this country. I trust I shall be able to report, at the close of next year that our wants in this respect have all been met and removed.

ARCOT SEMINARY. ARCOT.

Rev. S. Ettiragooloo, *Head Master*. Moses Nathaniel, *Second Master*. Zachariah, *Third Master*.

Rev. W. W. Scudder, D.D., who is in charge of this institution, writes :

It gives us great pleasure to report the completion of the Arcot Seminary Buildings. Hitherto the lads have been kept in godowns and out-houses, and have suffered in many respects for want of suitable accommodation. Now they have a large and comfortable building, amply sufficient to accommodate 80 or 100 boarders. Interesting exercises were held on the 23d of December, when the buildings were solemnly dedicated to the service of God, and then occupied by the lads. These buildings, together with the Mission house and surrounding compounds, have been secured at a cost of about Rupees 19,000. Truly the Lord has been very good in granting us the means to accomplish this most important object. Our grateful thanks are also most cordially tendered to our American churches for so liberally supplying the money for this purpose.

The Seminary having been left almost wholly in the charge of Mr. Ettiragooloo for the past year, he has, at my request, drawn up the following report :

The object of this institution has been from the first to train up young men for the Lord's service. Secular studies are attended to only as a stimulus to help forward the intellect to grasp more firmly the truths of the Gospel, and wield them skilfully against heathen, Mahomedan, and Popish errors.

The number of lads at the beginning of the year was fifty. Of these, six graduated, and are now employed in the Mission field as teachers and preachers. The Lord is blessing our Mission very largely, and the cry for more helpers is daily reaching us from various quarters. We have heard with pleasure that the young men sent out of the Seminary have really a heart for the work, and zealously preach the Gospel to the heathen.

During the early part of the year a student of the first class, Samuel David, died of consumption. He was a quiet and well-behaved lad, and we hope that he sought the Lord on his bed of sickness and found Him. Four lads who left the school without permission have not been re-admitted; three have remained at home on account of sickness, and one has been suspended for dishonesty. In the course of the year, 12 new scholars have been received into the seminary. We have at present 47 pupils.

There have usually been three classes; a special class has been added which deserves notice. Grown people often cast in their lot with us. Owing to their age, the Mission has judged it wise to give some of them a partial course of study, and when found competent to employ them in the less responsible duties of the Mission. This class has at present four members.

Instruction is given in the Seminary, in the TAMIL, Telugu and Sanscrit languages; in spelling, reading, grammar, geography, arithmetic, algebra, geometry, history, astronomy, moral science, and theology.

The lads have established among themselves a discussion class, and when they meet they read short essays written by themselves on Scripture subjects, and close the meetings with singing and prayer.

The exercises of the Seminary always begin with the reading of the Scriptures, singing and prayer, and close with singing and the benediction. The students hold daily meetings among themselves for reading and prayer before going to bed. The Mission has very generously had the lads instructed in TAMIL singing.

On Saturdays, many of them go out in groups to the nearest villages, and have preached during the year in 63 villages to 4,481 people, delivered 116 addresses, and distributed 72 portions of Scripture and Tracts. Besides these, the six graduates during the first three months of the year accompanied the Catechists and Readers, and preached the Gospel to hundreds. They have made the



excellent Bazaar Book their model. They studied it during the week, and on Saturdays gave the truths out fresh from their memory. At times they have had intense and soul-stirring discussions, but our space will not permit us to give specimens. An hour and a-half is devoted every Sunday to test whether they have been attending to the sermon in the church, and they are then instructed in the Heidelberg Catechism and Pilgrim's Progress.

During the year one of the students was baptized and five admitted into the full communion of the church.

#### MEDICAL REPORT. ARCOT.

Rev. S. D. Scudder, M.D., *in charge of Dispensary and Hospital.*  
Mrs. Scudder, *Assistant Missionary.* Samuel Veragoo, *Dresser.*  
Abram Muni, Solomon Aranachalem, Theraparanum, *Medical Students.*

Dr. Scudder writes as follows :

The work in the Dispensary and Hospital has been conducted very much in the same manner as in former years, save that it has been on a larger scale. At the close of last year the number of patients was steadily increasing, and we were hopeful that it would so continue. Our hopes have not been disappointed, as the following figures will show.

The whole number of patients, new and old, treated last year, was 15,507, giving a daily average of 42. This year the whole number treated was 33,170, giving a daily average of 91. This, it must be remembered, is the grand total, counting the attendance of each day through the year, together with the number of in-patients, 12,000—the average of the former being 58, and of the latter 33. 10,920 patients were dieted, and 1,080 not dieted, that is, supplied themselves with food while in Hospital.

The number of entirely new cases treated was 5,353 ; of these, 400 belong to the Hospital, and 4,953 to the out-patients.

Thus it will be seen that our work has more than doubled. This fact is a source of great satisfaction to us. When the subject of the Government closing their Dispensary, and giving over the district to us was being canvassed, it was urged by some, that as we were Missionaries and our main object was the evangelization of the people, we could never succeed : that the prejudices of the inhabitants were against us, that they could not and would not come freely, that the



daily preaching of the Gospel alone would be a hydra in the way, and that, therefore, the policy of giving over the district to us was one which could never recommend itself to the Government. The Government, however, took the risk, and the success of the Institution, through God's goodness, is the answer. We glory in publishing that the Gospel is preached in our Dispensary: that to the high and the low, the rich and the poor, to all who come, the plain, simple story of Christ's love to the fallen is told, and the truths of salvation urged. Every morning, before the general work is undertaken, and as soon as the benches are filled, a portion of God's word is read, the great message of our Lord made known, and the great Physician of the soul, as well of the body, pointed out. We rejoice, too, in saying that we have yet to meet our first opponent, yet to hear of any who would not enter the doors through fear of the preaching. The truth is always made known kindly and in love, and the people are beginning to understand our motives and our aims. They do not fear us. They come to us freely, Missionaries though we are; they hear our words, if not with belief, with seeming eagerness, and receive portions of Scripture and other books with avidity, very often of themselves asking for them. Mission dispensaries wherever established speak for themselves. As a rule, they are most successful, the people come to them most freely, in the largest numbers, and, we may say, with very little prejudice. The glory is all of God.

#### THE FUNDS.

Through all the last year the Government gave us monthly, Rupees 193; but a short time since, the allowance has been cut down to 172 Rupees a month. We have never heard the reason for thus decreasing our funds. It will make a difference of five or six patients to us. We shall be obliged to keep so many less. Our building is large enough. We can accommodate from 60 to 80 in-patients, and we would have them could we admit them. There are many poor, diseased, miserable creatures ready to knock at our doors for admission. They are worthy of our charity and aid.

We have received some donations. A considerable sum has also been received for medical services, which was credited to the dispensary fund. It will scarcely be credited that the largest sum of money received this year, as a donation, was from a native gentleman. V. Lutchmia Naidoo, the Tahsildar of this district, has from

the first been a true friend to the dispensary. In the early part of the year, hearing that we were in want of a clock, he generously gave 35 Rupees to purchase one. Again, hearing that we were in need of new hospital bedding, he at once donated 100 Rupees for the purpose, adding at the same time 50 Rupees in aid of our poor Christian villagers, who were suffering through the failure of their crops. We have but one regular subscriber, our kind friend, F. H. Wilkinson, Esq., the head Assistant Collector of the district, who gives us 20 Rupees each month.

## DISPENSARY AND HOSPITAL ACCOUNT.

Whole cost for the year.....	Rs. 6,172
Received from the Government.....	2,190
“ for medical services. ....	360
“ Colonel Shubrick, donation.....	100
“ J. Thacker, Esq., “ .....	25
“ J. Lee Warner, Esq., “ .....	25
“ A. R. Hutchings, “ “ .....	50
“ Lutchmia Naidoo, “ .....	135
“ Mrs. W. G. Bevan “ .....	30
“ J. Corbett, Esq., “ .....	46
“ F. H. Wilkinson, Esq., .....	40
“ Rev. B. J. Sayres, collection, .....	4
“ Medicines, stores. etc., sold.....	90

The difference, about 3,000 Rupees or \$1,500, gold, was paid from the treasury of the Board.

**MEDICAL STUDENTS.**—There are three, viz: Abram Muni, Solomon Aranachalem, Thevaparandum. Of them Dr. Scudder writes: “In most things our young men have given us satisfaction. They have progressed in their studies, added largely to their practical knowledge in the various departments of medicine and surgery, and are able to diagnose and prescribe for general diseases. The want of a knowledge of English is, however, a great and serious drawback to them; one against which, it is rather discouraging to them to feel they must constantly struggle. They will gain a good medical education we believe, if they steadily improve their opportunities, but it will take a longer time than if they had been previously instructed in English. In prospect, however, there is great encouragement for them. Our friend and medical brother, Dr. S. F. Green, of

Jaffna, is pursuing with ardor his noble work of translating and publishing a list of no less than thirteen medical and surgical text books. He has been laboring hard the past year to bring out a work on surgery of about 600 pages, and was so kind as to send it to us, in portions, as fast as it was printed. Most heartily do we thank him. We are also indebted to him for other works."

*Surgical Operations.*—These have amounted to about 500, ranging from the most simple to amputations, the cure of compound fractures, and the removal of a portion of the lower jaw.

CONCLUSION.—Dr. Scudder makes this appeal :

We would conclude by again thanking our friends for all their sympathy, prayers, subscriptions, and donations, and by earnestly requesting their renewed and larger aid. We need more means. We are working for the Lord, and we believe that we can extend the work by giving help to a larger number of patients. Our building is large and can accommodate sixty (60) patients with ease. There are those who are very needy, and who cry out to us. Shall we refuse them? It will alone be for the want of means if we do! We believe that the medical work is doing great good among the people of this country. It is breaking down many of their prejudices, and leading them to give up their bigoted belief in their own foolish, false, and superstitions systems. Year by year they trust more and more in our treatment, and this is drawing them closer to us. If this were all, it would be worth the working for. But it is not all. Besides ministering to their bodies, we strive, as God has given us ability, to minister also to their souls, to labor for their eternal welfare. Thousands upon thousands of all classes hear the Gospel, receive portions of Scripture, and carry them away into their homes, far and near. The Lord will always bless His preached word; will always care for the good seed sown. There have been many inquirers among our patients during the past year, and some have pledged themselves to give up heathenism, to leave their evil ways and walk in the path of truth. It is our duty then, as well as our joy, to go on with our work, to extend it as much as we can by gathering in a larger number of the sick, the needy, and the dying, for by thus doing we shall advance the cause of our glorious Master, the Great Physician! We ask, therefore, all who are interested in this work, to aid us as far as they are able.

## 3. THE JAPAN MISSION.

(Organized 1859.)

*Missionaries at Yokohama.*—Revs. S. R. Brown, D.D., J. H. Ballagh. *Assistant Missionaries*, Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Ballagh.

*At Nagasaki.*—Revs. G. F. Verbeck and Henry Stout. *Assistant Missionaries*, Mrs. Verbeck and Mrs. Stout.

All of the Missionaries attached to the station at Yokohama are now in this country. Rev. Mr. Ballagh embarked for the United States early in 1869, and reached this city on February 13.

During the whole of 1868 Mr. Ballagh was our only representative at this station. At present we have no one there.

Rev. J. H. Ballagh reports concerning the year ending December 31, 1868, as follows :

The service commenced and continued by your Missionary from August, 1866, has during the past, as in the previous year, been held in Dr. Hepburn's dispensary. The Rev. D. Thompson, of the Presbyterian Board, and myself, have alternately conducted the exercises. We have occupied the time with prayer, reading of the Scriptures, and a familiar exposition of some selected portion of Holy Writ. The average attendance has been from 15 to 20, several of the hearers being attendants from the first, and, although of the common people, all show marked progress in their knowledge and appreciation of a Scriptural truth.

It was my joy and great privilege to baptize publicly two of my pupils on the first Sabbath of February, 1868. They are the persons mentioned in last year's report as prayerful students of God's word; one of them had at that time requested baptism, and the other was the beloved pupil who gave instruction in English in a school at Yedo.

Much interest was felt in the former of these young brethren, as he had to return to his own principality at the very time when all of the official class are compelled to register themselves as adhering to the ancient religion or as having become Christians. [This registration is under the laws formed for the eradication of Christianity. Had this young man reported himself a Christian, his life would have been forfeited.] Great fears were consequently entertained for the safety of the pupil, and much prayer was made for him by his Christian brethren. Providentially the registration was omitted this



year on account of the political difficulties in which the country has been involved, and our brother escaped.

The other pupil happening to be on a visit to Yokohama, and residing at my house, at the time the baptism of the one already mentioned was to take place, asked as soon as he heard of it, "What hinders me to be baptized also?" I answered him as Philip did the eunuch. His examination, conducted before Dr. Hepburn and Rev. D. Thompson, was most satisfactory. In order to make their profession of faith as clear and instructive as possible to those witnessing it, I drew up a series of questions covering the vital truths of Christianity, and proposed them.

They gave very clear and satisfactory answers, and after a declaration of their faith, and determination to continue therein, by the grace of God, "till death," they were baptized according to the names they have always borne, viz : Susuki Kwantchi and Ajiki Kējīro.

The baptism was administered in the presence of a large number of natives, and a few Christian brethren. A deep impression, we felt, was made upon all present, and especially on one of Mr. Thompson's most hopeful pupils—the one who was imprisoned a year ago on account of the suspicion that he was a Christian—who said that he also wished to be baptized. Since then Mr. Thompson's teacher, a very scholarly and excellent man, has expressed his wish for the same ordinance. His request is the result of a serious consideration of the Saviour's command at the close of the Gospel by Matthew, which Gospel he has several times translated. The old woman, who has attended our service from its commencement, expressed her sincere joy that now Jesu Kimi (the Lord Jesus) had disciples in Japan, who loved him, just as their teachers did.

These brethren have worn well, attending the native service regularly and being occasionally present at our English service, and have taken part in prayer whenever called on to do so. A new power indeed, we feel, has been awakened, when God is entreated by natives in their own tongue for the salvation of Japan.

The work of education that had been carried on by Rev. D. Thompson and myself during the previous year, in private classes of from 20 to 40 pupils, was continued until the scattering of our pupils to their several provinces at the breaking out of the war, and, as I had no suitable place for a school-room after the removal of the dispensary, I turned over my remaining pupils to other missionary



brethren, under whose instruction they are making good progress. These pupils always came to the Sabbath service for the natives, and several of them were members of my Japanese class in the Sabbath school. The work of education has not been in vain. Our pupils are to be found in nearly every part of the Empire, and in various parts of the Christian world. From many of them we receive frequent and encouraging accounts.

As an indication of how important education in English is becoming, I may mention that the French Jesuit priests at Yokohama have commenced a school in their chapel. They are not backward in imitating whatever they find to be successful in Protestant missionary operations. In like manner they have a flourishing Sunday school, in imitation of, and in opposition to our own.

*The English Service.*—The regular observance of religious worship and the preaching of the Gospel to the American and English community has been conducted by Rev. Mr. Thompson and myself at Dr. Hepburn's new dispensary room, or chapel. Latterly we have been assisted by our newly-arrived brother, Rev. E. Corners, of the Presbyterian Board. The attendance has been good, and although we have not been encouraged by any accessions by conversion, yet the simple maintenance of Christian worship and administration of Gospel ordinances are of very great importance in an eastern foreign community. To not a few Christian visitors and seamen have these privileges been as an oasis in the desert.

A Sabbath school for the English speaking children, commenced at the beginning of the year, in which all the Missionaries are engaged, has proved entirely successful. Thirty to forty pupils have been gathered in, and while listening to their happy voices singing the old familiar tunes, or when hearing some Sabbath school man addressing them, who may be passing this way, one can almost imagine himself in the most highly favored Christian land. A most interesting feature of the school is the attendance of a class of Japanese young men, and latterly of several little girls and their mothers. The latter are distributed amongst the other scholars, and are learning to sing of Jesus and of heaven as heartily as any of their companions.

*Translation of the Bible.*—The third and last revision, by the united labors of all the Missionaries at Yokohama, of the Gospel of Matthew, was completed in April, 1868. Dr. Hepburn has since made a translation of the Gospel by John, and has undertaken a

further revision of Matthew. It is very much to be regretted that liberty and opportunity have not been enjoyed by your Missionaries to engage more constantly in this work. The call for the Scriptures will soon be urgent, and the call for the proclamation of the Gospel equally so, and there will be no time to provide for these long prayed for demands unless well concerted measures are speedily adopted.

A neat Gothic chapel, or lecture-room, has been erected on the lot assigned by the Japanese Government to the Reformed Church. This lot, heretofore held by trustees, has been conveyed to the Board.

#### NAGASAKI.

The Rev. G. F. Verbeck has continued to teach the Government school until the latter part of March, when he was invited by the Imperial Government to make Yedo, the eastern capital, his residence, and give his assistance in forming a national University. To this he has acceded, with the consent of the Board.

During the year Mr. Verbeck has had frequent interviews with men in high official positions, which he has carefully improved to make known the truths of Christianity. He has been consulted by princes and their ministers, by members of the Congress or Parliament, and by many in subordinate positions, in regard to educational, religious, and even political questions. A short time before the session of the Congress in April, 1868, two meetings of members on their way to Miako were held at Nagasaki, to which he was specially invited to give his views respecting the revision of the ancient constitution. With all these men he has pleaded for the removal of the restrictions upon the profession of Christianity, and for the establishment of religious freedom. Many have engaged to give their influence to the attainment of this end.

Beside this Mr. Verbeck has had the joy of leading three converts into the fold of Christ.

Rev. Henry Stout was introduced by the authorities to the position vacated by Mr. Verbeck in the school at Nagasaki, in the latter part of March.

The departure of Mr. Verbeck from Nagasaki was attended by many proofs of the esteem for him and his services, entertained by official men. The Governor, from his private purse, paid the cost of his removal to Yedo. Princes sent him presents of rare and curious articles, other men brought their gifts, and on every hand he was met with the expression of the regret felt at parting with him.

## III. CONCLUSION.

It is plain from the preceding survey, that we have prosperous Missions on which God smiles. The facts presented tend to form the conviction that a large ingathering of souls cannot be far distant. We are encouraged to increase our prayers, our exertions, and our gifts. The present is no time to suggest a decrease of our appropriations, or a contraction of our work. On the contrary we are invited to add to the number of our Missionaries and native pastors and helpers, to occupy new stations, to enlarge the circuit traversed by our agents, to furnish greater facilities for the conduct of this divinely appointed work. A debt indeed rests upon us, but it is the result of the prosperity and the consequent increased demands of our work. We thank God it is not the result of apathy or illiberality on the part of the churches, nor of the hopeless depression which burdens the soul when the Lord withholds his blessing, but simply and only of the increased outlay demanded by success. It is only necessary that the churches be made to appreciate the promise of the position to induce them to supply every want.

By the Providence of God the nations are coming into intimate relations. Steamships cross every ocean, a railway spans this continent, a canal will soon mingle the waters of the Mediterranean and Red Sea. "Cast ye up a highway," said the prophet, "and gather out the stones." We live to see the king's highway, to see many hands removing the hindrances. We have steam presses upon which to print the Word of Life, railways and steamers to convey the truth with rapidity to remote nations, may we have an energetic, liberal spirit to improve the golden opportunity.

The nations are mingling. Hindoos work plantations in the West Indies. Chinese work the mines of California and Nevada, and construct a railway over the Sierras. Japanese are studying in our schools and colleges. All nations flow together.

God has ordained that the living preacher shall declare His Word. We must send forth the heralds of salvation. We have men, such as those who have rendered us such acceptable service on our Mission fields, we have veterans to assist them in their preparations, to counsel them in their first efforts, and these men have hesitated, do now hesitate to offer themselves for this service, much as they long to engage in it, because, notwithstanding the noble liberality of the past year, there is still an empty and embarrassed treasury. We must look to the pastors and elders to bring the people to a right

appreciation of the position, and first we appeal to them as assembled in the General Synod.

We pray the Synod to devise liberal things. And when we come again to present an Annual Report, may it be to say, with thankfulness to God, that men are on the way to gather the harvest ripening on the plains around Tindivanum, to occupy Chiang-chiu, and proclaim the life giving word through its populous valley; to take their stations amid the thronging millions of the streets of Osaca; to add to the teeming beauties of the Inland Sea of Japan, the crowning ornament of temples of the living God. Our ever gracious, covenant-keeping God, the Lord God of Hosts, is saying to us, "Enlarge the place of thy tent, and let them stretch forth the curtains of thy habitations: spare not, lengthen thy cords, and strengthen thy stakes; for thou shalt break forth on the right hand and on the left; and thy seed shall inherit the Gentiles."

We must listen and obey.

We have reason to say to-day, "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us," and to remember the promise of our adorable Master. "Lo, I am with you alway, *even* unto the end of the world."

The following members of the Board complete the term for which they were chosen, with this session of the General Synod:

Rev. George H. Peeke,	Rev. W. V. V. Mabon, D.D.,
Rev. Wm. H. Steele,	Mr. Sanford Cobb,
Rev. N. E. Smith, D.D.,	Mr. A. B. Preston,
Rev. J. McC. Holmes,	Mr. A. V. W. Van Vechten.

Adopted New York, May 26th, 1869.

J. M. FERRIS,  
*Corresponding Secretary.*

## TABULAR VIEW OF RECEIPTS

FROM

## Churches, Sabbath Schools and Individuals.

CLASSES AND CHURCHES.	FROM CHURCHES	FROM S. SCHOOLS	FROM INDIVIDUALS	TOTAL
<b>Classis of Albany</b>				
Fourth Albany (German)...	\$9 64	.....	.....	\$9 64
New Baltimore.....	155 65	75 50	.....	231 15
New Salem.....	26 45	1 20	.....	27 65
Jerusalem and Onisquethaw	40 85	.....	.....	40 85
Second Bethlehem.....	100	.....	1	101
First Bethlehem.....	60 50	18 10	.....	78 60
Westerlo.....	8 50	7 25	.....	15 75
First Albany.....	2343 83	.....	.....	2343 83
Coeymans.....	40	.....	.....	40
Third Albany.....	30	.....	.....	30
Second Albany.....	802 31	.....	.....	802 31
<b>Classis of Bergen</b>				
New Durham.....	179 78	.....	.....	179 78
English Neighborhood.....	52 06	25	15	92 06
Second Hackensack.....	60 50	46	1	107 50
First Hackensack.....	359	.....	.....	359
Third Jersey City.....	156	25	30	211
Schralenbergh.....	254 05	.....	25	279 05
Closter.....	6 40	.....	.....	6 40
German Hackensack.....	4 20	.....	.....	4 20
Second Hudson City.....	6 92	.....	.....	6 92
West Newark.....	2	.....	.....	2
<b>South Classis of Bergen</b>				
Lafayette.....	145 46	75	30	250 46
Bergen.....	383 23	44 72	1	423 95
Bayonne.....	13 06	.....	.....	13 06
Second Newark.....	184 07	.....	.....	184 07
North Newark.....	1814 36	.....	.....	1814 36
Belleville.....	185 82	11 07	20	216 89
Irvington.....	59 53	.....	.....	59 53
First Newark.....	900	.....	.....	900



CLASSES AND CHURCHES.	FROM CHURCHES	FROM S. SCHOOLS	FROM INDIVIDUALS	TOTAL
<b>Scuth Classis of Bergen</b>				
CONTINUED.				
First Van Voorst, Jersey City	\$269 78	100	55	\$424 78
Franklin.....	22 81	.....	.....	22 81
Bergen Point.....	150 50	.....	.....	150 50
First Jersey City.....	1185 80	.....	.....	1185 80
Clinton Avenue, Newark...	40	.....	.....	40
<b>Classis of Cayuga</b>				
Syracuse.....	.....	.....	5	5
West Leyden.....	6 25	.....	.....	6 25
Owasco Outlet.....	91 65	.....	50	141 65
Owasco.....	53 66	.....	.....	853 66
Chittenango.....	35 18	25	3	63 18
Canastota.....	.....	.....	10	10
Utica.....	656 33	.....	.....	656 33
Lysander.....	25	.....	.....	25
<b>Classis of Geneva</b>				
Wolcott.....	6	.....	.....	6
Cato.....	10	.....	.....	10
Farmerville.....	53 42	.....	50	103 42
Ithaca.....	112 05	120 95	.....	232 97
Arcadia.....	8	.....	.....	8
Athens.....	18 90	.....	.....	18 90
Geneva.....	146 46	.....	.....	146 46
Cleveland, Ohio.....	25	.....	.....	25
Lodi.....	38 22	38 28	15	91 50
Pultneyville.....	15	.....	.....	15
Tyre.....	22 40	.....	.....	22 40
Clymer.....	31	.....	.....	31
Mina Corners.....	16	.....	.....	16
Rochester.....	92	.....	.....	92
<b>Classis of Greene</b>				
Second Coxsackie.....	91 12	21 75	.....	112 87
First Coxsackie.....	16	20 60	.....	36 60
Prattsville.....	30	.....	.....	30
Moresville and South.....	17 50	.....	.....	17 50
Gilboa.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Roxbury.....	19 83	4 17	.....	24
Catskill.....	52	.....	10	62
First Athens.....	30 24	.....	5 25	35 49
Kiskatom.....	33 27	10	.....	43 27
Leeds.....	32 75	5	.....	37 75

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CLASSES AND CHURCHES.	FROM CHURCHES	FROM S. SCHOOLS	FROM INDIVIDUALS	TOTAL
<b>Classis of Holland</b>				
Overyssel.....	\$48 66	.....	22	\$70 66
Kalamazoo.....	164 10	.....	.....	164 10
Muskagon.....	13	.....	.....	13
Grandville.....	5	.....	.....	5
Ebenezer.....	22	.....	.....	22
Grand Haven.....	25	.....	.....	25
First Holland.....	92	.....	32	124
Drenthe.....	29 20	.....	.....	29 20
Third Holland.....	70 24	.....	.....	70 24
Graafschap.....	12 50	.....	.....	12 50
Second Grand Rapids.....	100	.....	.....	100
Jamestown.....	4 22	.....	.....	4 22
North Holland.....	10	.....	.....	10
Zeeland.....	20	.....	.....	20
Vriesland.....	27 38	.....	.....	27 38
<b>Classis of Hudson</b>				
Germantown.....	136	20	.....	156
Claverack.....	373 72	.....	.....	373 72
Hudson.....	931 15	120	.....	1051 15
Upper Red Hook.....	123 85	.....	.....	123 85
Greenpoint.....	173 83	.....	.....	173 83
Linlithgow.....	221 19	.....	.....	221 19
Taghanic.....	100	.....	.....	100
Mellenville.....	400 09	105	.....	505 09
Pine Plains.....	80 40	.....	.....	80 40
<b>Classis of Illinois</b>				
Fairview.....	89 46	51 30	.....	140 76
Spring Lake.....	23 80	.....	.....	23 80
First Pella.....	80 40	.....	.....	80 40
Pekin.....	15	.....	.....	15
Raritan.....	24 25	.....	.....	24 25
Silver Creek.....	21	.....	10	31
Bushnell.....	10 50	.....	.....	10 50
Davenport.....	17 40	25 80	.....	43 20
Bethel, Pella.....	18	.....	.....	18
Second Pella.....	11	.....	.....	11
<b>Classis of Kingston</b>				
Rochester.....	127 92	.....	.....	127 92
Hurley.....	85 23	65	.....	150 23
Second Kingston.....	368 02	175	4	547 02
Clove.....	40	12	.....	52

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CLASSES AND CHURCHES	FROM CHURCHES	FROM S. SCHOOLS	FROM INDIVIDUALS	TOTAL
<b>Classis of Kingston</b>				
CONTINUED.				
New Paltz.....	\$281 87	70 06	100	\$451 93
Bloomington.....	20 75	.....	.....	20 75
Guilford.....	80	.....	3	83
Dashville Falls.....	15	.....	.....	15
North Marletown.....	45 13	20	.....	65 13
Samsonville.....	9	.....	.....	9
Rosendale.....	41	.....	.....	41
Marletown.....	15	.....	.....	15
<b>N. Classis of Long Island</b>				
Greenpoint.....	206 61	.....	.....	206 61
Oyster Bay.....	54 16	8 15	.....	62 31
East Williamsburg.....	125 50	16	11 50	153
Newtown.....	95 62	114 79	.....	210 41
Astoria.....	262	.....	50	312
Bedford Avenue.....	47 98	.....	.....	47 98
Queens.....	10	.....	25	35
St. Peter's, Williamsburgh..	35	15	5	55
Flushing.....	60	25	.....	85
Sayville.....	6	.....	.....	6
Jamaica.....	141 36	38 50	.....	179 86
South Bushwick.....	52 85	.....	.....	52 85
Second Astoria.....	5	.....	.....	5
Manhasset.....	14 64	.....	.....	14 64
<b>S. Classis of Long Island</b>				
Flatbush.....	862 72	.....	779	1641 72
North Brooklyn.....	296 25	.....	.....	296 25
South Brooklyn.....	142 81	30	.....	172 81
New Lots.....	326 84	7 25	354	688 09
East New York.....	224 38	64 74	.....	289 12
Flatlands.....	209 54	121 78	.....	331 32
First Brooklyn.....	4206 37	75	.....	4281 37
New Utrecht.....	622 31	157	.....	779 31
Middle Brooklyn.....	155 45	.....	100	255 45
On the Heights.....	4663 07	.....	.....	4663 07
Gravesend.....	173 76	82 35	2	258 11
North Gowanus.....	53 31	.....	.....	53 31
East Brooklyn.....	34	.....	.....	34
<b>Classis of Michigan.</b>				
First Grand Rapids.....	64 32	.....	.....	64 32
Battle Creek.....	12	.....	.....	12
Constantine.....	22	15	.....	37

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CLASSES AND CHURCHES	FROM CHURCHES	FROM S. SCHOOLS	FROM INDIVIDUALS	TOTAL.
<b>Classis of Michigan</b>				
CONTINUED.				
Porter .....	\$2 12	.....	.....	\$2 12
Hope .....	49 01	.....	.....	49 01
Centreville .....	.....	20 30	.....	20 30
<b>Classis of Monmouth</b>				
Keyport .....	32 12	38 27	.....	70 39
Holmdel .....	217 50	12 40	.....	229 90
Colt's Neck .....	17 09	.....	.....	17 09
Middletown Village .....	89 05	.....	.....	89 05
Second Freehold .....	139 39	.....	.....	139 39
Long Branch .....	25	6	.....	31
First Freehold .....	78 30	.....	.....	78 30
<b>Classis of Montgomery</b>				
Canajoharie .....	7 50	.....	.....	7 50
Fonda .....	55	.....	.....	55
Fort Plain .....	15	.....	.....	15
St Johnsville .....	42 30	.....	.....	42 30
Hageman's Mills .....	34 15	.....	.....	34 15
Herkimer .....	.....	20	5	25
Florida .....	22	12	.....	34
Glen .....	82 25	11 75	.....	94
Manheim .....	25	.....	.....	25
Currytown .....	18	.....	.....	18
Stone Arabia .....	2 50	.....	.....	2 50
<b>Clas. of New Brunswick</b>				
Six Mile Run .....	532 40	5	.....	537 40
Second New Brunswick .....	792 87	15 75	615 50	1424 12
Hillsborough .....	165 75	31	.....	196 75
Middlebush .....	139	70	6	215
Griggstown .....	184	.....	3	187
East Millstone .....	138 52	43 45	.....	181 97
Metuchen .....	78 75	.....	2	80 75
<b>Classis of New York</b>				
South Church .....	2391 02	.....	315	3206 02
Collegiate .....	2526 70	252 44	1885	4664 14
Holland .....	14 66	.....	.....	14 66
Port Richmond .....	120	.....	.....	120
North West .....	2381 45	281 35	115	2777 80
German Evangelical Mission	13	235	.....	248

CLASSES AND CHURCHES	FROM CHURCHES	FROM S. SCHOOLS	FROM INDIVIDUALS	TOTAL
<b>Classis of New York</b> CONTINUED.				
Huguenots .....	\$18 35	.....	.....	\$18 35
Richmond .....	26 30	.....	.....	26 30
Thirty-fourth Street .....	270	.....	.....	270
Fourth German .....	20	.....	.....	20
Harlem .....	450	.....	.....	450
St. Paul's .....	367 63	.....	.....	367 63
Prospect Hill .....	50	.....	.....	50
Mott Haven .....	18 85	.....	.....	18 85
<b>South Classis of N. York</b>				
Norfolk Street .....	10	.....	.....	10
Washington Square .....	565 22	.....	25	590 22
Sixth Avenue .....	43 40	.....	.....	43 40
Brighton Heights .....	134 03	40 12	.....	174 15
Bushwick .....	32 65	.....	.....	32 65
<b>Classis of Orange</b>				
Ellenville .....	145	.....	.....	145
Fallsburgh .....	150	13	96 50	259 50
Newburgh .....	163 52	193 80	30	387 32
Port Jervis .....	319 40	195 72	.....	515 12
Shawangunk .....	92 09	.....	5	97 09
Bloomingburgh .....	30	.....	.....	30
Walden .....	270 90	21	.....	291 90
Lower Walpack .....	30 25	.....	.....	30 25
Warwarsing .....	23 30	4 70	10	38
New Hurley .....	44	6 10	.....	50 10
Montgomery .....	859 39	.....	150	1009 39
New Prospect .....	8	.....	.....	8
Cuddebackville .....	15 85	.....	.....	15 85
Minisink .....	10 50	.....	.....	10 50
<b>Classis of Paramus</b>				
Clarkstown .....	91 93	50	50	191 93
West New Hempstead .....	181 11	30	1	162 11
Acquackanonk .....	494 25	208 85	.....	703 10
Ramapo .....	20 63	.....	.....	20 63
Tappan .....	70 65	.....	.....	70 65
Nyack .....	66 78	.....	.....	66 78
Second Paterson .....	223	41 38	.....	264 38
Paramus .....	84 89	10	.....	94 89
Broadway, Paterson .....	45	26	.....	71
Suffern .....	11	.....	.....	11



CLASSES AND CHURCHES	FROM CHURCHES	FROM S. SCHOOLS	FROM INDIVIDUALS	TOTAL
<b>Classis of Paramus</b>				
CONTINUED.				
Warwick.....	\$41	.....	.....	\$41
Saddle River.....	35 76	.....	.....	35 76
Pascack.....	54 70	.....	.....	54 70
Piermont.....	80	40	20	140
Spring Valley.....	12 42	.....	.....	12 42
First Holland, Paterson.....	4	.....	.....	4
Second Holland, ".....	10	.....	.....	10
<b>Classis of Passaic</b>				
Pompton Plains.....	150 12	29 20	.....	179 32
Pompton.....	128 50	.....	.....	128 50
Ponds.....	6	.....	.....	6
First Paterson.....	124 36	.....	.....	124 36
Montville.....	45 50	5	.....	50 50
Boardville.....	17 50	2 50	.....	20
Stone House Plains.....	21 49	6 91	.....	28 40
Wyckoff.....	30	.....	.....	20
Preakness.....	26	.....	.....	26
<b>Classis of Philadelphia</b>				
First Philadelphia.....	363	.....	.....	363
Readington.....	318 01	30 38	.....	348 39
Blawenburgh.....	200	.....	50	250
North and Southampton....	115	32	30	177
Addisville.....	34 91	56 25	.....	91 16
Harlingen.....	133 30	.....	.....	133 30
Neshanic.....	117	.....	.....	117
Rocky Hill.....	75 98	.....	20	95 98
Second Philadelphia.....	313 50	.....	.....	313 50
Fourth Philadelphia.....	6	.....	.....	6
Manayunk.....	12	.....	.....	12
Third Philadelphia.....	70 74	160 18	.....	230 92
Clover Hill.....	50	.....	.....	50
Stanton.....	20 15	.....	.....	20 15
<b>Classis of Poughkeepsie</b>				
New Hackensack.....	127 65	.....	30	157 65
Mill Brook.....	202	6	80	288
Fishkill.....	231 31	.....	10	241 31
Fishkill-upon-Hudson.....	68 75	241 73	.....	310 48
Glenham.....	86 17	5	.....	91 17
Rhinebeck.....	481 17	10	75 38	566 55
First Poughkeepsie.....	341 72	.....	.....	341 72

CLASSES AND CHURCHES	FROM CHURCHES	FROM S. SCHOOLS	FROM INDIVIDUALS	TOTAL
<b>Classis of Poughkeepsie</b> CONTINUED.				
Cold Spring.....		\$13		\$13
Hyde Park.....	\$50			50
Second Poughkeepsie.....	478 58			478 58
Hopewell.....	303 63			303 63
<b>Classis of Raritan</b>				
North Branch.....	264 73			264 73
Second Somerville.....	187 60	50		237 60
Rockaway.....	150		13 50	163 50
Third Raritan.....	150	2 25		152 25
First Somerville.....			10	10
Peapack.....	115		6	121
Lebanon.....	100			100
Bedminster.....	268 25	40		308 25
Pottersville.....	91	30		121
Branchville.....	130	11 50		141 50
Roysfield.....	10	8 30		18 30
Easton.....	257 50	24 60		282 10
Plainfield.....	38			38
<b>Classis of Rensselaer</b>				
Chatham.....	86 10		50	136 10
Kinderhook.....	608 36	116 25		724 61
Stuyvesant.....	190			190
Castleton.....	117 10			117 10
Schodack Landing.....	39 91	27 40		67 31
Second Ghent.....	25			25
Bloomingrove.....	16 49	4 51		21
First Ghent.....	45	10		55
Stuyvesant Falls.....	15	5		20
Nassau.....	110			110
New Concord.....	25			25
Greenbush.....	35 50			35 50
<b>Classis of Saratoga</b>				
Union Village.....	38 25			38 25
Saratoga.....	12	43 50		55 50
First West Troy.....	117 03	67 11		184 14
Southwest Troy.....	45			45
Wynantskill.....	25			25
Boght.....	7			7
Northumberland.....	100			100
Buskirk's Bridge.....	40			40
Cohoes.....	100			100
Schaghticoke.....	25			25

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<b>Classis of Schenectady</b>				
First Glenville.....	\$133 50	.....	.....	\$133 50
First Rotterdam.....	26 10	.....	25	51 10
Second Schenectady.....	8 25	.....	.....	8 25
First Schenectady.....	205 50	.....	75	280 50
Niskayuna.....	53	.....	2	55
Lisha's Kill.....	91	.....	5	96
Amity.....	82	.....	.....	82
Helderbergh.....	.....	10	.....	10
Princeton.....	16	.....	.....	16
<b>Classis of Schoharie</b>				
Middleburgh.....	113 38	.....	.....	113 38
Schoharie.....	75	.....	.....	75
First Berne.....	97	.....	30	127
Knox.....	47 60	.....	.....	47 60
Beaverdam.....	10	.....	.....	10
Schoharie Mountain.....	6 28	.....	.....	6 28
Sharon.....	.....	.....	8 50	8 50
Lawyersville.....	.....	.....	8 55	8 55
Gallupville.....	35	.....	.....	35
North Blenheim.....	3 20	.....	.....	3 20
Breakabin.....	2 75	.....	.....	2 75
<b>Classis of Ulster</b>				
Woodstock.....	51 08	.....	1	52 08
Blue Mountain.....	61 76	.....	.....	61 76
North Esopus.....	201	.....	.....	201
Plattekill.....	9 25	.....	.....	9 25
Saugerties.....	289 21	.....	135	424 21
First Kingston.....	691 48	40 96	.....	732 44
Flatbush.....	67 43	9 60	5	82 03
West Hurley.....	24 89	.....	.....	24 89
Wiltwyck.....	43 36	.....	.....	43 36
Caatsban.....	80	.....	.....	80
Esopus.....	26 50	.....	.....	26 50
<b>Classis of Westchester</b>				
Greenville.....	21	.....	.....	21
Fordham.....	120 84	.....	.....	120 84
Mount Vernon.....	320 31	.....	50	370 31
Courtlandtown.....	19 54	.....	.....	19 54
Peekskill.....	38 86	.....	.....	38 86
First Tarrytown.....	245 23	.....	.....	245 23
Second Tarrytown.....	322 59	.....	.....	322 59

CLASSES AND CHURCHES	FROM CHURCHES	FROM S. SCHOOLS	FROM INDIVIDUALS	TOTAL.
<b>Classis of Westchester</b>				
CONTINUED.				
Hastings-upon-Hudson .....	227 25	.....	.....	227 25
West Farms .. .....	41 80	.....	.....	41 80
Yonkers .. .....	329 25	24 07	.....	353 32
Bronxville .. .....	100	.....	.....	100
Melrose .. .....	.....	15	.....	15
Unionville .. .....	28	.....	.....	28
Greenburgh .. .....	6 35	.....	.....	6 35
<b>Classis of Wisconsin</b>				
High Prairie... .....	21	3	7	31
Silver Creek .. .....	31 15	.....	.....	31 15
Two Rivers .. .....	4	.....	.....	4
Oostburgh .. .....	27 68	.....	.....	27 68
Fulton .. .....	6	.....	.....	6
Low Prairie .. .....	34	.....	.....	34
First Chicago .. .....	.....	25	.....	25
Milwaukie .. .....	16 27	8	20 43	44 70
Forreston .. .....	26	.....	.....	26
Holland .. .....	61 41	.....	.....	61 41
Second Chicago .. .....	59 21	23 10	.....	82 31

## INDIVIDUALS NOT THROUGH CHURCHES.

A Friend.....	\$12	New Brunswick, N. J.....	\$2
A Friend.....	25	A Friend.....	5
Mrs. A. C. G., Orange, N. J....	10	M. V. A., New Brunswick, N.J.	5
Jeremiah Cline.....	1	A.....	5
Friend of Missions, Brooklyn,		Mrs. Elizabeth Townsend.....	100
L. I.....	10	W. H. M.....	25
J. R. L.....	5	Mc.....	25
Gen. G. Loomis, U. S. A.....	60	W. H. Jansen.....	5
G. E.....	10	J. R. Van Mater and.....	} 5
D. G. Van Vranken.....	2	Eva V. Pike.....	
Miss E. B. Brooklyn, L. I....	5	M. R. C.....	77 07
C. S.....	2 50	W. J. R. T.....	10
A. B. D., gold.....	5	Peter V. Hoagland.....	10
Rev. J. R. Lente.....	5	Rev. A. Mattice.....	1
Alpha.....	25	A Little Straw for a Brick....	1
A Widow's Mite.....	5	Lady Friend of the Cause....	10
Catherine Tully.....	17	C. C., Pittsford, Mich.....	5
C. S. Sutter.....	10	L. H. V. D.....	5
D. D. Williamson.....	100	W. S. B., Woodbourne, N. Y..	2
H. Schnellendreussler.....	3	Rev. T. R. Beck.....	5
Jonathan Sturges.....	200	S. C. Roe.....	1
Eliza Schureman.....	10	M. L. S., Ill.....	10
X.....	10	H. P. Cline.....	5
Granville Van Vliet.....	10	I. S., Pella, Iowa.....	5
Christian Intelligencer.....	5	Western Missionary.....	50
Unknown, Williamsburgh, L.I.	10	A Lady.....	50
A Friend, Newport, R. I.....	30	H. S.....	10
Mary and Maggie Groff.....	2	Widow's Mite.....	3
Miss H. Schoonmaker.....	2	Mrs. C. Whitehead.....	10
Frank and Georgie, in part		One of 50,000 Members.....	1
silver.....	5 60	W. P. P.....	50
J. B. Bartow.....	10	Mrs. C. Ward.....	20
Senex.....	100	Friend of Missions.....	1
Owen Van Oliuda.....	5	From the Lord.....	5
A Friend.....	25	Memento Jewelry.....	140
Anonymous.....	1	Rev. J. Whitbeck.....	2 50
Peter Clement.....	5	Mrs J. Whitbeck.....	2 50
G.....	7	D. G. Van Vranken.....	2
Lambda.....	325	C. H. D.....	5
Mrs. E. C. S.....	30	Friend of Missions.....	10
E. T. C.....	20	Mary and Maggie Groff.....	2
An Old Friend.....	5	Melville.....	10
K.....	20	A Friend.....	10
Rev. T. L. S.....	5	Mrs. J. Ross.....	2
M. S. W., Ill.....	1	Student, N. B., N. J.....	5
Cash.....	10	Two Friends, N. Y.....	10
A Friend.....	2 45	Central New York.....	100
H. N. N., N. Y. City.....	5	W. P. P.....	30
Rev. and Mrs. Chas. Whitehead	100	A Friend, New Scotland, N. Y	5



A. Minister's Widow.....	10	Rev. D. A. Jones.....	15
Rev. T. L. Shafer.....	5	From a Golden Wedding.....	6 65
Rev. H. S.....	2 53	E. H., Brooklyn, L. I.....	10
W. H. A.....	1	Miss Josephine Penfold.....	40
Miss Ashley.....	5	E. Penfold, Jr.....	40
A. Van Santvoord.....	100	Unknown.....	12 62
A Friend.....	5	Anonymous, Mich.....	10
A Friend, Pleasantville, Pa..	10		
H. S. Coins.....	5		
			<hr/>
			\$671 30

## MISCELLANEOUS.

Missionary Box.....	\$26 45
Premium on gold and silver .....	27 57
A Thank Offering .....	50
Mission Sabbath School, Athens, N. Y.....	1
“ “ Brownsville, N. Y.....	2 42
Sabbath School, Pine Bush, N. Y.....	6 21
Home Sabbath School, Holland Mich.....	2 78
High Woods Sabbath School.....	6
Shawangunk Benevolent Association.....	30
Young Ladies' Missionary Circle, New Centre, N. J.....	121
Hawthorne Mission Sabbath School.....	4 16
Mission Sabbath School, New Brunswick, N. J.....	50
Union School, Holland, Mich., Primary Dep't., Boys.....	10
“ “ “ “ Girls.....	3 30
Morgan Street Mission Sabbath School, Jersey City.....	10
Elm Sabbath School, New Brunswick, N. J.....	10
American Tract Society for Arcot Mission.....	200
Interest on Security Funds .....	2201 20
	<hr/>
	\$2767 09

## LEGACIES.

Peter Q. Voorhees.....	\$94
Chas. Shelpt.....	2
W. B. Doremus.....	1 40
Helena Campbell.....	9 25
Jane Le Fevre.....	100
Rachel Berry.....	940
Maria R. Lefferts.....	130 26
B. Livingston Kip.....	250
Dora L. Lott.....	989 60
Government Tax on Legacy of Chas. O'Neil, refunded by Board of Foreign Missions of the Pres. Church.....	60
Lucas J. Voorhees.....	1000
Little Girl's Legacy.....	1 23
Julia Delaplaine.....	1880
	<hr/>
	\$5457 74

## FOREIGN MISSIONS.

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## RECEIPTS FROM CLASSES.

CLASSES OF SYNOD OF New York.		CHURCH CONTRIBUT'.	FROM S. SCHOOLS	FROM INDIVIDUALS	TOTAL
Bergen .....	10	\$1080 91	\$96	\$71	\$1247 91
South Bergen.....	13	5354 42	230 79	106 00	5691 21
Hudson .....	9	2540 23	245	.....	2785 23
N. Long Island.....	14	1116 72	217 44	91 50	1425 66
South Long Island..	13	11970 81	538 12	1235	13743 93
Monmouth .....	7	598 45	56 67	.....	655 12
New Brunswick....	8	2335 68	234 20	661 50	3231 38
New York.....	14	9167 96	768 79	2315	12451 75
S. New York.....	5	785 30	40 12	25	850 42
Paramus.....	17	1477 12	406 23	71	1954 35
Passaic.....	9	549 47	43 61	.....	593 08
Philadelphia .....	14	1829 59	278 81	100	2208 40
Poughkeepsie.....	11	2370 98	275 73	195 38	2842 09
Raritan.....	13	1762 08	166 65	29 50	1958 23
Westchester.....	14	1821 02	39 07	50	1910 09
<b>Albany.</b>	171	\$44770 74	\$3637 23	\$4950 88	\$53358 87
Albany.....	12	3617 73	102 05	1	3720 78
Cayuga.....	8	868 07	25	68	961 08
Geneva.....	14	594 42	159 23	65	818 65
Greene.....	10	322 71	61 52	15 25	399 48
Kingston.....	12	1128 92	342 06	107	1577 98
Montgomery.....	11	308 70	43 75	5	352 45
Orange.....	14	2162 20	434 32	291 50	2888 02
Rensselaer .....	12	1313 46	163 16	50	1526 62
Saratoga.....	10	509 28	110 61	.....	619 89
Schenectady.....	9	615 35	10	107	732 35
Schoharie .....	11	390 21	.....	47 05	437 26
Ulster.....	11	1545 96	50 56	141	1737 52
<b>Chicago.</b>	134	\$13372 01	\$1502 26	\$897 80	\$15772 07
Holland .....	15	643 30	.....	54	697 30
Illinois .....	10	310 81	77 10	10	397 91
Michigan .....	6	139 45	35 30	.....	184 75
Wisconsin.....	11	286 72	59 10	27 43	373 25
	42	\$1380 28	\$171 50	\$91 43	\$1643 21
<b>Total.....</b>	347	\$59523 03	\$5810 99	\$5940 11	\$70774 13

## TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT.

The Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church in America in  
account with the Treasurer.

## AMOY MISSION.

April 30, 1869.

*Dr.*

To cash paid drafts, &c.....	\$20,533 34	
“ “ on account of the Missions, &c.....	5,227 98	
“ “ on account of Mr. Doty's children...	220 00	
		<hr/> \$26,031 32

## ARCOT MISSION.

To cash paid drafts, &c.....	\$44,663 45	
“ “ on account of the Missions, &c .....	3,549 25	
		<hr/> 48,212 70

## JAPAN MISSION.

To cash paid, drafts, &c.....	\$2,744 45	
“ “ on account of the Mission.....	4,286 03	
“ “ on account of Japanese.....	1,395 54	
		<hr/> 8,426 02
“ “ Bookkeeper.....	\$200 00	
“ “ for the Sower .....	200 00	
“ “ Incidental expenses.....	574 92	
“ “ Traveling expenses.....	368 89	
“ “ Interest on loans.....	1,876 35	
“ “ Rent.....	112 50	
“ “ Cor. Secretary's Salary.....	2,500 00	
“ “ Postage.....	127 92	
“ “ Gospel Field .....	410 49	
		<hr/> 6,371 07
“ “ Miss Mandeville.....		235 89
“ “ Miss Chapin.....		300 00
“ “ Notes during the year.....		20,500 00
“ “ Balance in Treasury.....		1,422 87
		<hr/> \$111,499 87

## FOREIGN MISSIONS.

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1868.	<i>Cr.</i>		
April 30, By balance in Treasury.....			\$456 37
1869.			
April 30, By cash received from Churches.....		\$59,523 03	
“ “ “ Sabbath Schools..		5,310 99	
“ “ “ Individuals .....		5,940 11	
“ “ “ “ not			
“ “ “ through Churches		2,411 42	
“ “ “ Miscellan's sources		2,767 09	
“ “ “ Legacies.....		5,457 74	
			81,410 38
“ “ by Rev. G. F. Verbeck, of			
“ “ Japan Mission, for account of			
“ “ Japanese in this country....		1,064 00	
“ “ “ J. M. Ferris, ac. of Japanese...		300 00	
“ “ “ E. C. Scudder.....		60 00	
“ “ “ sale of \$8,000 U. S. 5-20 bonds		8,709 12	
“ “ “ borrowed from bank.....		19,500 00	
			<u>\$111,499 87</u>
Invested on account of Suydam fund.....		10,000 00	
“ “ Mandeville fund.....		5,500 00	
“ “ Warren Ackerman fund.....		10,000 00	
“ “ General Security fund.....		4,500 00	
U. S. Bonds held for Holland and Wisconsin Classes.....		2,357 00	

We hereby certify, that having examined the accounts of the Treasurer of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church, we find the same to be correct, and that the balance in hands of the Treasurer, on the 30th day of April, 1869, was fourteen hundred and twenty-two dollars and eighty-seven cents, (\$1,422 87).

Signed

JAS. A. WILLIAMSON,  
A. V. W. VAN VECHTEN.

NEW YORK, June 1st, 1869.

GAML. G. SMITH, *Treasurer.*





THE  
FIFTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
**Board of Publication**  
OF THE  
REFORMED CHURCH IN AMERICA.

PRESENTED TO THE

General Synod, at the Annual Meeting, June, 1869.



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OF THE  
REFORMED CHURCH IN AMERICA,  
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1869.



**Fifteenth Annual Report**  
OF THE  
**BOARD OF PUBLICATION**  
OF THE  
**REFORMED CHURCH IN AMERICA.**

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The review of another year in the history of this Board claims a fresh tribute of gratitude to the Author of all good. Although no startling leaps have been made in the line of successful labor, there has been steady and encouraging progress ; progress in the solution of questions that will enable the Board to reach a more settled and satisfactory policy ; progress in the enlarged views of the Churches of its importance as an aggressive, evangelizing agency ; progress in their interest in its work and their sympathy with the Synod's plan for its liberal endowment ; progress in the diffusion, through this channel of the Church, of a sound, religious literature, and in the good done, there is reason to believe, by the spread of its publications.

But gratitude is chastened with grief, as we record the removal by death, during the year, of a prominent member of this Board, Hon. J. R. Wortendyke, of Jersey city. Cordial in his co-operation, wise in counsel, prompt yet prudent in action, he will long be remembered as the faithful friend of the Board. Much, however, as we miss him in its deliberations, it becomes us to bow before the higher claims of the Head of the Church, and though sorrowfully, yet submissively to say, "*Even so, Father.*"

## REPORT ON DEPOSITORY.

### I. SALES.

While the sales in Publishing Houses generally have been greatly restricted, and trade is less brisk in business circles, it is a gratifying feature of our fiscal year, that there has been no serious falling off in the receipts of the depository. With the growing acquaintance of the Churches with the Board, the field of patronage enlarges. Its aim is to furnish such a supply of good, wholesome, religious reading, especially that which is alike entertaining and instructive for the use of Sabbath schools, and at such reasonable rates, as shall make its book room worthy of patronage. Under the efficient management of the Publishing Agent, Mr. William Ferris, arrangements have been made by which the best and latest publications for Sabbath schools from the various publishing houses are promptly forwarded as soon as issued, that orders for them may be filled with the least possible delay.

### II. GRATUITOUS DISTRIBUTIONS.

Increasing calls are made to supply the destitute from our depository. The West, the South, and the South-west make pressing appeals. The Board, recognizing its true position, as the servant of the Church, to aid in doing its mission work, through the press, has made larger donations than usual during the past year. To spread its issues as widely as possible is a wise policy, whether it be to serve as a pioneer in the planting of Churches, or as a means of Christianizing the masses. When an irreligious press is flooding society with its issues, now artfully insinuating the poison of its dangerous doctrines, and now boldly assailing the most vital truths, thus perverting the faith and corrupting the morals of countless numbers, the Church that would be true to her trust in counteracting these crying evils, that would create and feed a healthful taste, must scatter with a liberal hand, a literature leavened with the Gospel. And since the supply of ordained preachers is so far short of the demand, the necessity is all the more urgent, to harness the press to the car of truth.

### III. NEW PUBLICATIONS.

While the Board is anxious to increase its issues, as a means of increasing its usefulness, its aim is to publish works of merit, on

topics best suited to mould character and to meet the wants of the age ; works written in a style most likely to command a ready sale and a profitable perusal. Few such, it is much to be regretted, have been submitted to the Board for publication during the past year. This will explain why the number of new issues has not been greater. There has been a reprint of former issues, showing that the taste for "the old wine" still remains ; and an ably penned manuscript on a timely topic has just received the sanction of the Publishing Committee, and will probably soon be put to press. Measures are in progress, which, it is hoped, will prove successful, to enlist the pens of competent authors ; and the working capital of the Board, as it increases, will clothe it with ability to hold out more remunerative offers for preparing works of the highest excellence for publication. The plan of offering liberal premiums for engaging the best talent commends itself to the Board ; and since its resources do not as yet, warrant a large outlay for this purpose, it is hoped this plan will meet with favor among those of ample means in our Reformed Church who are desirous of extending their usefulness and of making this Board a greater power for good.

#### IV. THE SOWER.

This monthly visitor continues in circulation among our Churches and Sabbath schools. Its subscription list is not materially changed. Although the receipts for its issue do not meet the cost incurred,—as is the case with similar organs in publishing houses generally,—yet, it would be an unwise policy to discontinue its publication simply on this account. It reaches and is read by a large class who would not be likely to take a more expensive sheet, and thus it occupies a sphere of usefulness peculiarly its own. As a medium of communication between our benevolent Boards and their constituents, its circulation should be more widely extended, that larger numbers may be fully posted and thus be brought into closer sympathy with the workings of these institutions. Instances occur in which our treasuries are enriched through information gleaned from the *Sower*.



## REPORT ON

### PUBLISHING AGENT'S REPORT.

#### NEW PUBLICATIONS.

The Board has published the following during the year ending May 1st, 1869:

1. *The Nine Prizes*, 18mo, 312 pages, *Copies*..... 1,000

This little volume was prepared for the Board, and illustrates that portion of our Lord's parables commonly called the *Beatitudes*.

2. *The Missionary Doctor and his Family*, 18mo, 256 pages, *Copies*..... 1,000

This work was also written for the Board, and gives the history of one of the early missionaries of our Church and his family. It is written in a pleasing style, and is an interesting volume for the Sabbath school library.

3. *The Reformed Church in America*, 18mo, Tract, 30 pages, *Copies*..... 1,000

The larger portion of this Tract was formerly prepared by Rev. Thomas DeWitt, D.D., under the title "A Succinct Tract." The Board has revised it, and added such matters of information as will adapt it to the present history of the denomination.

4. *Annual Report of the Board for 1868*, 20 pages, *Copies*.. 1,750

5. A Sermon of Rev. Dr. Van Vechten before the Classis of Albany, *Copies*..... 500

6. Memorial Sermon of Hon. J. B. Wortendyke, late member of this Board, by Rev. P. D. Van Cleef, D. D., *Copies*..... 1,000

*In Press*—1 new volume on Baptism.

Tracts—10 editions of former publications.

#### SUMMARY OF NEW PUBLICATIONS.

2 Volumes, 18mo, 1,000	<i>Copies</i> each.....	2,000
1 Tract, 18mo, 1,000	" .....	1,000
1 Annual Report	" .....	1,750
2 Sermons	" .....	1,500

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Total new copies..... 6,250

## PUBLICATION.

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### REPRINTS OF FORMER PUBLICATIONS.

18	Editions of bound volumes.....	<i>Copies</i>	17,021
6	“ Catechisms, Class Books, &c.....		10,000
3	“ 12mo Tracts .....		3,000
3	“ 18mo “ .....		3,000

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Total reprints.....	33,021
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12 Editions of <i>The Sower</i> , <i>Copies</i> .....	68,500
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### SALES ACCOUNT.

The amount of sales from May 1st, 1868, to May 1st, 1869 :

For merchandize.....	\$14,618 94
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“ <i>Sower</i> .....	1,300 00
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Decrease in sales from previous year.....	\$125 84
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This decrease is owing to the fact that the past year has not been as favorable for the book trade as some former years. We have had a larger trade with Churches and Sabbath schools of our own denominations than in any former year. Our exchanges with the book trade have increased. While the net amount of sales falls a trifle short of the previous year, the net amount of *profits* on the sales has been from 3 to 5 per cent. larger on the amount sold.

### DONATIONS.

The amount of books and tracts donated the past year is.. \$621 00

Most of the books donated have been from the stock of the Board. A few Mission Churches have been furnished with the Hymn Books of our Church. Mission Sabbath schools have been supplied with library and other books.

We have also distributed a large number of our publications in Texas, through a lay Missionary, Mr. James Burke, who writes that our tracts and publications, and especially our series of Christian school books, are well adapted to the wants of that important part of our Union.

## REPORT ON

## ACCOUNT OF STOCK.

The amount of stock and fixtures, including plates, woodcuts, and electrotypes.....	\$13,787 36
Publications of the Board.....	\$13,639 62
Miscellaneous publications, stationery, &c... ..	2,610 39
	<hr/> 16,250 01
Total stock .....	\$30,037 37

## EXPENSE ACCOUNT.

Amount of expenses for conducting the operations of the Board  
for the year ending May 1st, 1869 :

Salary of the Corresponding Secretary and traveling ex- penses .....	\$2,590 97
Salary of the Publishing Agent.....	2,000 00
“ “ Clerks .....	753 92
	<hr/> \$5,344 89
Total salaries.....	
Rent, fuel, insurance, &c.....	\$1,372 41
Less amount received for rent.....	681 00
	<hr/> 691 41
	<hr/> \$6,036 30

## CASH ACCOUNT.

Amount of cash received at the Depository from May 1st, 1868  
to May 1st, 1869 :

From merchandize.....	\$12,427 43
“ The Sower.....	1,283 30
“ Rents, &c .....	488 45
“ Bills payable .....	1,200 00
“ The Treasurer.....	9,060 05
	<hr/> \$24,459 23

## PAYMENT ACCOUNT.

For merchandize.....	\$11,441 15
“ expenses .....	4,575 28
“ bills payable.....	3,389 59
“ Treasurer .....	5,057 21
	<hr/> \$24,459 23

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

1869.—May 1.

*Dr.*

To cash paid Corresponding Secretary for salary and traveling expenses from February 15, 1868 to May 1, 1868,...	\$537 50
To cash paid Corresponding Secretary for salary from May 1, 1868, to May 1, 1869 .....	2,500 00
To cash paid Wm. Ferris, Publishing Agent, for merchandize, expenses and bills payable.....	21,358 34
To balance on hand.....	2,451 50
Total.....	<u>\$26,847 34</u>

*Cr.*

By balance in the Treasury, May 1, 1868.....	\$1,432 75
“ cash collected from Churches.....	3,812 07
“ “ “ “ individuals.....	229 00
“ “ “ “ Sabbath Schools.....	56 18
“ “ for life memberships, from Churches, individuals, and Sabbath schools.....	605 78
“ “ for endowment fund from Churches..	\$859 26
“ “ from individuals.....	1,365 00
	<u>\$2,224 26</u>
“ “ “ Wm. Ferris, Publishing Agent, amount received at the Depository.....	18,487 30
	<u>\$26,847 34</u>

## FINANCIAL CONDITION.

Amount of stock.....	\$30,037 37
“ due on book account.....	4,384 53
“ “ on United States bond.....	1,133 75
“ in the Treasury.....	2,451 50
Total assets .....	<u>\$38 007 15</u>

## LIABILITIES.

Amount due on funded debt.....	\$6,763 54
“ “ “ book account.....	3,897 84
“ “ “ unpaid interest.....	175 00
Total liabilities.....	<u>\$10,836 38</u>
Balance in favor of the Board.....	<u>\$27,170 77</u>

## SUMMARY.

One item omitted in inventory of 1868.....	\$540 00
Increase of stock including above .....	4,299 43
Total increase in favor of the Board.....	5,242 35
Paid on funded debt.....	461 45
Donated in books and tracts .....	621 00
Amount paid for Sower over receipts.....	306 01
Amount of increase in contributions.....	1,116 23

WILLIAM FERRIS,

*Publishing Agent.*

## GENERAL SYNOD'S COMMITTEE OF CONFERENCE.

At the last meeting of the General Synod, held in Hudson, the following resolutions were adopted, V. Res., 1, 2, 3, p. 497, Minutes General Synod :

In accordance with these resolutions, said Committee met with the Board of Publication and recommended the following, viz :

" *Whereas*, the undersigned were appointed by the Synod of Hudson a Committee of Conference with the Board of Publication, under Resolutions Nos. 1, 2, 3, p. 497 of proceedings of General Synod, and have carefully examined and informed themselves on the matter of the publication and sale of the works of the Board, and in obedience to the instructions of the Synod, conferred with Messrs. P. S. Wynkoop & Son, Robert Carter & Bro., and M. W. Dodd, publishers, from whom propositions for the conduct of the above business have been received, as the result of their investigation, they unanimously recommend the following :

*Resolved*, That in view of the saving of labor and expense attendant upon the arrangement proposed, as well as for the prospect of an enlarged circulation of the works published under the auspices of the Board of Publication of the Reformed Church, the Committee do 'deem it most advantageous to the interests of the Church and the Board,' that an arrangement be effected with one of the above Houses to 'carry on the printing and publishing business of the Board.'

*Resolved*, That the Board of Publication be requested to effect



such arrangement in behalf of themselves and the Committee, as speedily as the interests of the Board will warrant.

J. B. JEWITT,  
J. R. SMITH,  
JOHN LEFFERTS,  
JOHN HARDENBURGH,  
*Committee."*

Whereupon the Board submitted the whole matter to the Executive Committee for their careful consideration. As the result of their deliberations, the following report was submitted to the Board, which, on motion, was unanimously adopted and ordered to be incorporated in the Annual Report of the Board to the General Synod.

*" To the Board of Publication of the Reformed Church in America.*

Your Executive Committee, to whom were referred the papers submitted by the General Synod's Committee of Conference, respecting the publishing business of the Board, having duly considered the same, respectfully report :

In order to make an intelligent and satisfactory presentation of the matter now in hand, attention must be called in the outset to the last movement originated for the success and permanent welfare of the Board, as related on the Minutes of the last Synod, pp. 496 and 497.

Synod, by resolution, recognizes in this Board 'a powerful instrumentality for good, demanded *now* more than ever'—italicizing the adverb of time. Synod also declares that, as a Church, we would be recreant to the work given us to do by the Master, if we permitted it (the Board) to languish; reiterates the resolutions of last year, and 'earnestly commends the Board to the Churches for a liberal endowment.'

These resolutions, of course, are grateful and accepted as in keeping with a previously expressed fact 'that commendable effort has been made by those in charge of its affairs, to increase its efficiency and power,' and with the additional encouragement, 'we are sure that not one of us would withhold from them a God-speed.' Yet, in the immediate context of these resolutions, are found certain ominous questions, simply suggestive of the possibility of inadequate management, and a special notice of 'an offer from a publishing house in the city of New York,' which together are made the basis

of quite another and different set of resolutions, all in the same paper, and are as follows :

1. 'That a Committee be appointed consisting of five laymen, to confer, in conjunction with the Board of Publication, with the firm in question, and with other publishing houses in the City of New York, and see if an arrangement may not be effected, by which we may, without the expenses of our present machinery, carry on the printing and publishing business, connected with the Board.

2. 'That said Committee confer with the Board of Publication and that they be and hereby are directed and empowered mutually to effect such an arrangement as they may deem most advantageous to the interests of the Church.

3. 'That the affairs of the Board be conducted as at present, until such time as the above arrangement can be effected.'

The General Synod, agreeably to this, appointed a Committee of Conference with whom, in due time, and in obedience to Synod, the Board had the pleasure of repeated interviews. But when the gentlemen of the Committee and of the Board first came together over this business, they found themselves not a little embarrassed by instructions conveyed in resolutions which, if not absolutely incompatible with each other, yet are so loosely worded as to express nothing clearly and enjoin nothing specifically. By the first item of instruction, Synod's Committee, in connection with the Board of Publication, were to form themselves into something like a joint committee of conference, to confer with the firm in question, and with other publishing houses in the city of New York, not to make any positive arrangement about transferring their work of printing and publishing to other parties, but '*to see if any arrangement of this kind may not be effected.*'

By the second item of instruction, Synod's Committee, in its individuality, was directed to confer with the other members of this joint committee, viz: the Board, not to make any definite arrangement, but '*to see if an arrangement may not be effected;*' and the Committee and the Board are 'directed and empowered *mutually*'—whatever that may mean—'to effect such an arrangement as they may deem best.' And finally, by the last item of instruction, 'the affairs of the Board are to be conducted as at present, until such a time as *the above* arrangement can be effected;' whereas no positive arrangement was spoken of at all, much less ordered to be made—nothing beyond a conference to see about the matter.

In these circumstances, Synod's Committee did what they considered their duty, according to the supposed spirit of the empowering resolutions, and having ascertained on what advantageous terms the publishing business of this Board could be done by other parties, left the result of their action with the Board in the paper already read with the correspondence on which it is based.

Having well considered these documents, we propose to speak of their import in a frank and becoming business-like manner.

The first thing noticeable is that the offer from the publishing house in New York, already spoken of as partly prompting the aforesaid resolutions of Synod, we understand, has been withdrawn.

The next thing is that Mr. Dodd's proposition is substantially the same with that of Carter & Brothers; the details of the latter, because more specifically given, we recite as follows :

They propose taking all our stock on hand, at half the retail price, paying for the same as sold. For new publications and new editions of old works, they propose to furnish paper, press work and binding as their share of capital, which would be about one-third of it. The Board, on the other hand, to pay for composition and stereotyping, which cost about two-thirds of the entire amount required to publish a book. The Board also must furnish all MSS., and if they cannot get them gratuitously, must pay for them also. For all this and other expenses, Carter & Brothers propose to pay the Board fifteen per cent. of all cash sales of the Board's publications, and although there would be no additional outlay of new capital in the use of plates, now on hand, the commissions required would be the same.

Such is the best arrangement Synod's Committee could make for the execution of the publishing business of the Board by outside parties, and it is submitted for our consideration by the Committee who deem it advantageous to the interests of the Church and the Board, that an arrangement be effected with one of the above houses, to carry on the printing and publishing business of the Board; and they resolved that the Board of Publication be requested to effect such an arrangement on behalf of themselves and the Committee as speedily as the interests of the Board will warrant.

But if we show that the interests of the Board will warrant nothing of the kind; if we show from the face of the propositions upon which the action of the Committee is founded, that compliance with their request will speedily overwhelm the Board in finan-

cial ruin, we think the Committee themselves will not insist upon the wisdom of their own recommendations. Let us look at it as presented.

The working of such an arrangement as Messrs. Carter & Bro's. and M. W. Dodd propose, would necessarily be as follows:

In the very beginning, by the terms of transfer of stock, we make a loss of at least thirty-three and a-third per cent. on every hundred dollars. By the last report made to Synod, we had of books, etc., transferable stock, \$12,844 44. The loss on this amount alone would be \$4,281 48. Untransferable stock, in store fixtures and furniture, to be sold at a very reduced price, upon which the loss would probably be about \$400; making in the front of this experiment a total loss of \$4,681 48. Besides, the plates, wood cuts, electrotypes, worth to us \$12,228 50, would be worn out for the benefit of another party, free of expense—that is, of every dollar's worth from this source, the Board would realize the sum of *fifteen cents*.

When a book, published by this arrangement, might fail for any cause, to create for itself a larger demand than one edition, the Board would have to advance on that sixty-six and two third cents on every dollar expended, and get back *fifteen cents* in return. This would evidently be the gain of a great loss.

Should said book, however, prove a success, it would then have to run through four editions of equal size, to return to the Board the bare outlay upon the *first* edition, while the other party would get all the pecuniary benefit of the *first four* editions. An illustration will make this as plain as day.

Suppose, according to the request of Synod's Committee, we go into this arrangement with Carter & Bro's. Having made the loss above spoken of, we are to publish an edition of a new work, say of one thousand copies, at a cost of \$900, to be retailed at \$1, or wholesaled at 70 cents per copy, our respective profit and loss stand thus:

Composition, plates and illustrations, amounting to two-thirds of the whole cost to be paid by the Board .....	\$600 00
Paper, press work and binding, amounting to one-third of the whole cost to be paid by said firm .....	300 00
An edition of 1,000 retailed at \$1 .....	1,000 00
“ 1,000 wholesaled at 70 cents.....	700 00
If all were wholesaled, the share of the Board would be...	150 00



That of Carter & Bro's.....	550 00
Net profit to Carter & Bro's., on first edition.....	250 00
Entire loss on the same to the Board.....	450 00

Should the demand, however, be constant, then four editions of a thousand each would have to be sold before the Board could get back their original outlay, while the fortunate firm *would net* beyond their outlay the sum of \$1,000.

This is the straight forward operation of the arrangement pronounced by the Committee 'advantageous to the interests of the Church and the Board.'

From the data given, it is the only rational view of the case that can be taken. We cannot, therefore, agree with the Committee upon any such suicidal policy as this plan so obviously involves. It would financially ruin the Board within the space of a year from date of agreement; for the more work they should attempt to accomplish under it, the more hopelessly would they become involved. This new machinery would be speedily clogged not only, but rusted to a fixed immobility, never again to be set a going. We are persuaded that Synod's Committee d'd not perceive the operation of this arrangement, for if they had, their advice would have amounted only to the absurd prescription of a physician, 'to cut off the toe to cure the corn.'

If Synod desire to abolish this Board, we need hardly attempt to prove that our compliance with the respected Committee's request, would be the readiest way to do it, without imposing on the Synod the odium of voting the Board out of existence. But such compliance we never can yield, and we feel persuaded that such would not meet the desire of Synod. The imputation of incompetency has so often been made in the very teeth of counter admissions, as indicated in the document of Synod originating this Committee, that we deem it most in accordance with self-respect, to say nothing more upon the subject of our success in conducting the publishing business of the Church. For a series of years, this Board, in strict obedience to the wishes of General Synod has faithfully studied and striven to subserve the best interests of the Church. That they have accomplished this end, to some extent, none will pretend to deny; that they have done well under an unnatural and uncalled-for pressure of adverse influence, in comparison with similar institutions, liberally fostered by their respective denominations, none can reasonably deny; that they have not done what might have been done



in their position, no one wishes to deny ; that they have succeeded in their work to no greater extent, is not their fault, as has been often shown ; that it is not owing to any lack of wisdom, wit or skill, we will, *under compulsion*, venture to assert. Whatever deficiency be charged upon the Board, it is owing, we believe, solely, surely and steadily to the spontaneous combustion of an illiberal influence, perhaps not ill-designing, but surely and sadly miscalculating to the production of mischievous effects here and there throughout the Church ; an influence sufficiently occult and intangible to elude our grasp but not our knowledge ; an influence which has not wholly missed of creating a popular prejudice by means of warm statements and cool mis-statements in reference to our wisdom and our work ; and an influence which occasionally intonates the declaration that the confidence of the Church in this Board is much impaired. We will not trust ourselves to comment upon its parentage or its character ; nor upon the manner by which this announcement has been put forth as the mere expression of the 'logic of events' in our history ; but content ourselves with calling attention to that seemingly strange species of moral insanity which aims with equal enthusiasm to pull down to-day what was built up yesterday, and all for the glory of God !

Whilst we cheerfully concede that it is the duty of Synod to keep a close watch upon the Boards of the Churches, to see that they faithfully execute the trusts for which they were called into existence, we certainly may be excused for the concomitant remark that, as a needlessly frequent expression of parental anxiety, with menacing gesticulation, is not adapted to improve a child already doing as well as it can, so expressions of confidence and distrust incongruously commingled as to the business operations of this Board are not calculated to promote its interests or those of the Church whose child it is.

The time has come when the Board may claim indulgence for an earnest remonstrance against a policy perverse in its inception, unwise in its efforts, illiberal in its judgments, destructive in its tendency, and which savors not of that 'wisdom which cometh from above.' All that this Board needs is the hearty, unquestioning co-operation of the pastors and officers of all our churches ; and if for one or two years this should be permitted in carrying out the recommendations of Synod, no other argument would be needed to give

due prominence to its worth and advantage to every church in the denomination.

We would not insult the intelligence, nor offend the piety of General Synod by asking that venerable body whether they mean to sustain and to make efficient an instrumentality of their own creation, avowed to be necessary for denominational benefit; but surely we may ask, without giving offence, that the question now shall be definitely settled whether the Board shall be upheld by Synod's securing for it, as far as can be done, the patronage of the Church, or shall be left to itself to cope with such influences as has been its misfortune to meet with, for no adequate reason, within its own denomination.

We feel that necessity is laid upon us to speak, and if in anything we speak injudiciously, we ask to be forgiven, since our only aim is to accomplish the great end for which all of us are professedly striving. We cannot conceal, what we have already learned from experience, that if Synod withhold its succor, or if, when given, should allow the benefits of it to be dissipated by measures hurtful in their very enactment, the interests of the Church and the Board must suffer together. Complaint has been loudly uttered that our expenses bear an undue proportion to our income, and during the last year have exceeded it; but one of the earliest lessons taught in the Bible is the injustice of requiring the tale of brick and withholding the necessary amount of straw. Who does not know that expenses must accrue if any great good is to be realized? It is the sunshine and the rain bestowed upon expenses that bring encouraging fruits into the storehouse and barn, and these are the favors we seek at the hands of General Synod. But just in this connection it is pertinent to say that this Board had reached the point of self-sustentation so far as its depository is concerned, when an unfortunate proceeding was encouraged in the Synod of 1867 at its regular session in June, the effects of which were speedily felt. It was just beginning to recover, when another proceeding in 1868, still better adapted to drive all confidence away, was had, and which has compelled us once more to the attitude of self-defence. We have now shown, if there be any such thing as demonstration, that the Board ought to have been spared this second and more severe visitation; ought to have been spared the painful imputation, inseparable from the mortifying direction to employ its own agency, to see whether some other might not be found better adapted to do the work with the execution of which

it has been entrusted, and for which it was incorporated. Surely our incompetency need not put us to the blush in view of the afore-said arrangement, recommended as quite fit to supplant the agency of the Board in the matter of publication. The result of its adoption, we have shown, would be inevitable ruin.

We therefore claim that, under favoring circumstances, such as the Church can easily, and ought certainly to create, this Board of Publication is able to do all that can be reasonably required of it, and is as willing as able. Is it, then, too much to insist upon the duty of a hearty, liberal, continuous effort to make this instrumentality what it ought to be in our denomination, and what it is in others? Is it presumption to press this duty as an outgrowth from the relation created by General Synod, between itself and this Board? Surely not. If Providence takes care of creation in the works of nature, the same necessity presides over the question of success in the works of grace.

In the view of this whole matter just given, we recommend the following resolutions, viz :

*Whereas*, A Committee of Conference appointed by General Synod of 1868, to confer with this Board and with other parties to 'see if an arrangement may not be effected by which we may, without the expense of our present machinery, carry on the printing and publishing business connected with the Board,' has been repeatedly in conference with us and with other parties in reference to said subject; and,

*Whereas*, The arrangement proposed by said Committee for satisfactory reasons cannot possibly meet the approval of this Board, and when understood by them, cannot, it is thought, possibly meet with the approval of Synod; therefore,

*Resolved*, That the report upon this subject made to this Board by its Executive Committee be transmitted to the General Synod for their information in the premises.

*Resolved*, That this Board respectfully express their well-formed judgment to General Synod, that the 'printing and publishing business' required by the Church, 'and for which this Board was created, cannot be done more economically and efficiently by any other parties;' and for the truth of this, they appeal to the proposition submitted to the Committee, and by them to us, and by us to General Synod, with our demonstration of consequence.

*Resolved*, That the prosperity and welfare of this Board depend

upon the favorable action of the General Synod and its urgency upon the Churches to do for it what other denominations find it profitable to do for their respective Boards of Publication, and to protect it as far as can be done from any and every adverse influence calculated to cripple its energies, and to discredit its work.

Respectfully submitted."

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### CONCLUDING REMARKS.

From the statistics given by the Publishing Agent, and the statements embodied in the special report of the Board, it will be seen that its affairs are in a healthy condition. Not figures of rhetoric, but figures of arithmetic show that its business department is almost the synonym for economy, as its imprimatur is for orthodoxy. If the point of self-sustentation has not been gained, we ask, in view of the agitations from which it has suffered, where rests the responsibility? This point was nearly reached when the current of counter legislation set in. And is our Depository an anomaly here? Look into the history of similar Boards, not excepting that colossal enterprise, the Methodist Book Concern; or turn to that mammoth union institution, the American Tract Society. It was many years after their organization before their sales' departments met expenses. What if the clamor to abolish them, because not self-supporting, had been successful, how would the cause of truth have suffered!

Our Depository—and this is a feature which many fail to recognize—is not an independent enterprise established to make money. This is a radical misconception, a mercenary view, beneath the dignity of the Church of Christ. It is the *servant of the Board*, which is a *benevolent* agency, or rather the Board itself, in one aspect of its operations. Now, it may happen in a mercantile establishment, that one department of labor is carried on at a loss, while its connection with other departments, as a link in a chain, gives it a value that would make its removal a serious calamity and sadly derange, if not wholly defeat, the end for which the establishment was founded. Shall we, then, sever the Depository as a tributary of the Board from the Board itself, look at it in the false light of a separate organization, and decide its worth as seen purely from the arithmetical standpoint? And then, just as under favorable auspices, it is about to



reach the plane of self-support, and, we venture to predict, that higher plane ultimately, where its receipts will be a source of revenue to the Treasury of the Board, shall we presume to stay its progress, and by an act of excision, treat it as a parasite or a useless excrescence? How damaging would be the prestige of such a process? Would it not be regarded, and rightly, too, as a step in the line of a backward march, a retrogression? Not to speak of the worth of our Depository as the *literary depot* of our Reformed Church, is the General Synod prepared to surrender the advantage of having direct and immediate control over the publication of its doctrinal standards?

But is it fair to make the issue turn on the pivot of financial success? Regarding the connection between the Depository and the Board as vital,—for without opening a discussion on this point, whatever may be said to the contrary, they stand or fall together,—this, like the other Boards of the Church, is a *benevolent* Board. How strangely it would strike us to learn that the Board of Education refuses to furnish funds for the support of candidates for the gospel ministry except when a reliable guaranty is given that the Board shall be reimbursed for its outlay? Or, that our Missionary Boards have resolved to advance the means for planting and supporting churches only in cases in which a positive pledge is made to refund the sum received with interest? Is not the Board of Publication laboring, in its appropriate way, for the same high and holy end, the spread of the truth and the growth of the Church? Why then is it to be tried by a different standard? Why write upon the door of its Depository “*TEKEL*,” “weighed in the balance and found wanting,” because it cannot coin all its issues into returns large enough to cover its expenditures? Would it not be the reproach of the Church to be governed by considerations of financial profit rather than of spiritual good? *The* question is, “Is the Board susceptible of being made an efficient agency, under the fostering care of the Church, in the work of evangelization?” On this question, the General Synod has given its deliverance in no equivocal terms. It has repeatedly put on record its conviction of its importance. And it only remains for the Synod to echo the recent action of the Board in order to remove the last stone of stumbling from the highway to enlarged prosperity and usefulness. If there be a doubting Thomas left, we will beg of him only the small favor which Diogenes asked, “to step out of our sunshine,” and not intercept the light and



warmth coming from above upon this Board, and soon the advance made, under the Master's blessing, will dissipate all doubt.

We make our appeal to the Synod with increased confidence, because of the growing favor of the Board with the Churches. As its claims are laid before them on the Sabbath, they are followed by *practical* responses which show that its work is appreciated. Last year's record of contributions was a cheering testimony, which, all the circumstances considered, the most hopeful could hardly hope to see repeated in the present Report. But what has God wrought? We stand rebuked and instructed before him. Notwithstanding the times have been less prosperous in commercial circles; notwithstanding the embarrassed treasury of the Board of Foreign Missions has put a heavy strain upon the Churches, and, in many instances, lessened their contributions to this Board, notwithstanding the large individual donations of the previous year find no parallel in the year just closed; notwithstanding the unfortunate agitations already alluded to; in the face of all these facts, it is our privilege—and we record it with gratitude, for “the silver and the gold are the Lord's”—to report an advance of over eleven hundred dollars in the contributions of the year. The subscriptions to the Permanent Fund have reached the sum of \$5,000. It is simple justice to the Church of Flatbush, L. I., and its efficient pastor, to say that this is the *banner Church*, having contributed nearly \$900. May their zeal provoke many, and an ample endowment be speedily secured which shall place the Board beyond every ordinary contingency.

It is hardly possible, we remark in closing, to over-estimate the importance of the work in which this Board is engaged. When we think of the rapid growth of our population with the fields which thus lie invitingly open—fields, barren of all Christian literature, and in which the voice of the living preacher is yet to be heard,—a moral waste stretches out before us large enough to enlist every department of Christian effort. When we think of the rapid strides of error, suggested by those three ominous R's, RATIONALISM, RITUALISM and ROMANISM, each making vigorous efforts for the ascendancy, and each using the press as a powerful lever for this purpose; when the fact is patent that Rome through her newly established Board of Publication, during the last year, has circulated nearly 4,000,000 pages that came from her press smoking with error, is this a time when the faith of our fathers is imperilled, when the forces of Anti-Christ, in their multiform colors, are falling into line and closing

ranks and rallying for a desperate and decisive onset ; is this a time when the battle is waxing hotter, almost every hour, for any battalion to strike its colors and beat a retreat, or for any commander to bid his troops stack their arms ? Brethren of the Reformed Church, this ignominy must not be ours, lest in the day of disaster and defeat, we cover our faces with confusion. Let every weapon, in defence of the truth, be wielded with a strong arm and a stronger faith. While the pulpit lifts up its voice like a trumpet, let the battering ram of a Christian press make the bulwarks of error tremble before it.

The term of office of the following members of the Board expires June, 1869, viz :

Rev. R. W. Clark D.D.,	Mr. Thomas Jeremiah,
" A. R. Thompson, D. D.,	" G. G. Voorhees,
" M. B. Riddle,	" Johnson Letson,
" P. Van Wyck,	" David A. Smith,

Hon. John A. Lott.

By order of the Board,

J. A. LANSING,  
*Corresponding Secretary.*

NEW YORK, May 27, 1869.





# Form of a Devise,

## RECOMMENDED BY GENERAL SYNOD

(See Minutes of June, 1844, p. 368.)

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"I give unto the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America                      dollars, to be applied to the support and education of pious indigent young men preparing for the Gospel Ministry in said Church (*or for the maintenance and support of the Theological Seminary of said Church.*) and they are to invest the principle and apply the income to the said purpose."

If the devise should be for the benefit of any of the other benevolent operations of the Church the following phraseology should be used:

If for *Domestic Missions* :—"I give unto the Board of Domestic Missions of the Reformed Church in America                      dollars, to be applied to the maintenance and support of the Domestic Missions of said Church."

"I give unto the Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church in America                      dollars, to be applied for the *maintenance and support of the Foreign Missions* of said Church."

If for the *Board of Publication*, "*I give unto the Board of Publication of the Reformed Church in America, to be applied to the purposes of that Board, the sum of                      dollars.*"

According as the testator may select either of the above objects.



# NOTICES.

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BOARD OF CORPORATION.—PETER R. WARNER, *President*, 202 Greenwich street; JOHN I. BROWER, *Treasurer of General Synod*, 288 Greenwich Street, New York, to whom all moneys are to be paid for the Funds enumerated in the Annual Digest, and the general purposes of Synod, except for Building Fund and Minutes of Synod.

GENERAL SYNOD.—REV. DAVID D. DEMAREST, D.D., *Stated Clerk*, New Brunswick, N. J., to whom all communications for General Synod and Statistical Reports of Classes should be addressed, and payments made for printed Minutes of Synod. JOHN I. BROWER, *Treasurer*, 288 Greenwich Street, New York.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.—REV. JOHN L. SEE, D.D., *Corres. Secretary*, Synod's Rooms, 103 Fulton Street. F. J. HOSFORD, *Treasurer*, 56 Cedar street, who receives all moneys for aiding beneficiaries studying for the Gospel Ministry and for the support of Parochial Schools.

BOARD OF DOMESTIC MISSIONS.—REV. JACOB WEST, *Corresponding Secretary*, Synod's Rooms, 103 Fulton Street. JOHN R. SMITH, *Treasurer*, 141 Broadway, who receives all moneys for Domestic Missions, for the Church Building Fund, and for Sabbath School Missionary purposes.

BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.—REV. JOHN MASON FERRIS, D.D., *Corres. Secretary*, Synod's Rooms, 103 Fulton Street. GABRIEL G. SMITH, *Treasurer*, 342 Pearl Street.

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BOARD OF SUPERINTENDENTS OF THEO. SEM.—REV. PAUL D. VAN CLEEF, D.D., *Stated Clerk*, Jersey City, N. J.

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